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Personal share to be centrally fixed

Poll tax lives on in reform of local finance

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government is expected to confirm this week that a centrally-fixed "poll tax" will live on when it reforms local government finance. Councils will be told that a fixed percentage, possibly 20 per cent, of the new property tax will be a poll tax in all but name, with final bills determined by the number of adults in a household.

The retention of the poll tax component has been forced on ministers by a Conservative backbench and party lobby that insisted that some feature of the community charge should remain.

As the three main parties prepared for today's launch of the most important local elections campaign for four years, ministers accepted that they must make known their preferred composition of the local tax. Although details will be left for consultation, ministers acknowledge that they must give a lead on such a key decision as the makeup of a new tax.

They have decided that the "people" proportion of the new tax should be decided centrally to prevent it being hijacked by leftwing councils and turned into the "son of poll tax". Irrespective of the value of their property, residents in the same council area will all pay the same modified poll tax. That will be based on a nationally-fixed proportion of what each local council's spending should be.

Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, is pressing for a poll tax element as low as 20 per cent of average household bills. Thus, if the average tax liability for a household in a given council area was £500, the local poll tax would be £100 for all households with two adults. Where one person lived alone, it would go down to £50, and in homes with three or more people the poll tax would go up to £150.

People living in more highly-valued properties within a council area would not have to pay a higher poll tax, so that the percentage of their local tax bill taken by the poll tax element would be lower than the average. People living in cheaper properties would pay a greater proportion of their local levy as poll tax. The tax would thus retain what some backbenchers regard as a crucial feature of the existing community charge.

The cabinet's poll tax committee, which meets tomorrow, is also expected to agree that the decision on how homes should be valued should go out to consultation. The main options are capital values, the cost of rebuilding properties, and rental values, as in the old rating system. The front-runner is capital values, with five or six bands of prices aimed at relating the tax to people's ability to pay. The precise details of banding will again be a matter for consultation, but the principle is favoured since it avoids penalising those who improve their homes.

Under details of the new tax contained in a paper from Mr Heseltine, the poll tax element would be based on the centrally-fixed percentage — 20 per cent if he gets his way, higher if his opponents prevail — of the average tax in the area. Council spending above government-desired levels would be reflected proportionately in both the property and people elements.

The government's inability to outline the full details of its poll tax replacement will put it on the defensive as it launches its local elections campaign today. Mr Heseltine and Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, will be challenged by Labour to state the policy on which their candidates will fight the May 2 contest. However, ministers are hoping that progress at tomorrow's committee meeting will enable more information to be given early in the campaign.

Neil Kinnock will try to capitalise on the government's difficulties today when he will again spell out Labour's plans to return to a fairer and modernised version of the rating system. David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, said yesterday that it was hypocrisy for the Conservatives to delay their alternative proposals. A year ago they had chided Labour for "not having a clear alternative", he said.

"Their candidates across the country will be offering local people nothing. Their own supporters will have no clear idea what it is they are expected to vote on and the conclusion will have to be drawn that the confusion, dithering and incompetence will continue."

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Pretoria to end colour register

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

AN 11-LINE bill repealing the 1950 Population Registration Act, which classifies people by their skin colour, was tabled in Cape Town yesterday as the South African government launched a hectic parliamentary programme to dismantle apartheid laws.

It signalled the start of legislative action to flesh out the promises made by President de Klerk in February. World leaders have made it plain that moves to end South Africa's international isolation will be made only when apartheid is removed from the statute book. The Population Registration Act, under which people have been racially segregated from birth to death, is a cornerstone of the system.

The new bill does not do away with it completely. It contains a "transitional provision" which stipulates that anything done so far, in terms of the existing act, will "remain in force as if the repeal had not taken place". This is because the government insists on maintaining the present population register for elections until it negotiates and implements a new constitution.

During the next two months there will be fierce debate as further bills are tabled to repeal the Group Areas Act, the Land Act and other laws restricting black land-ownership, as well as aspects of security legislation. The Group Areas Act is expected to be debated next week.

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Iraq and Britain trade threats on Kurd haven

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN and Iraq exchanged threats over the setting up of a safety zone for Kurds in Iraq last night, as Britain began gathering support for the proposal at the United Nations.

Hours after Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, had said that the planned Kurdish haven in northern Iraq would, if necessary, be underpinned by force, Baghdad declared that it would oppose the plan by all means at its disposal.

Sadoun Hammadi, the Iraqi prime minister, described the idea of a safe zone as a "suspicious proposal" and accused the West of exaggerating the scale of the refugee problem. "It is another circle of plots against Iraq and its sovereignty" and Iraq "will oppose it by all means", he told the Iraqi news agency.

The minister's veiled threat raised the possibility of renewed fighting between allied and Iraqi forces and underscored Mr Hogg's stricture that any UN presence in northern Iraq would have to be prepared to use force.

The United States is ready to support the British proposal but it wants other countries to take the lead in promoting the plan. Washington does not want to be seen participating in something that could lead to the disintegration of Iraq, and the administration is keen to foster the same international approach used so successfully in the assembly of the original allied coalition.

As the United Nations began discussion of the proposal last night, it was announced in New York that the organisation was sending a Belgian special envoy to investigate the Kurds' plight. The mission by Eric Suy, an adviser to the Belgian foreign ministry, is considered essential to the successful establishment of the special zone. There was some confusion over the mission last night, however, after Mr Suy told Brussels television that he was not in favour of setting up such a zone at this stage.

It was emphasised in London that Britain is advocating a principle that could be applied in any part of the country, and that protection of the Arabs and Shia in the south could be covered by the same provision now that US forces had begun leaving. The measure had been proposed for the Kurds first because of the urgency.

"What we want to do is to get the Kurds off the mountains, preferably into the villages and towns... monitored by the United Nations," Mr Hogg told BBC radio. "That does imply the prospect of some force or threat of force if the attacks continue. It would require UN observers in quite substantial numbers and their presence would have to be underpinned by actual physical force or the prospect of it."

Mr Hogg denied, however, that the scheme amounted to interference in Iraq's internal affairs, as the UN had passed a resolution calling on President Saddam Hussein to stop the massacre of the Kurds. "We have, I think, the authority of the United Nations in the last resolution in order to ensure the safety of the Kurds and this is a method of devising that, delivering that."

He said the haven would provide for safety for the Kurds but emphasised that the Iraqi president needed to be removed to make them truly safe. "We need to see the end of Saddam Hussein, but that is a matter for Iraq and for the Iraqi peoples."

☐ President Ozal of Turkey accused Baghdad yesterday of trying to deport the population of northern Iraq and said 300,000 more Kurds were fleeing to Turkey. *(Reuter)*

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Dropping comfort amid the snowy peaks

Allied airmen are flying missions around the clock to keep Kurdish refugees in Iraq fed, Michael Binyon reports

We came in at about 500 feet, twisting and banking through the precipitous gorges, our fighter escort ahead of us to warn off any Iraqi attackers.

The huge rear doors of the Hercules were open, and the wind rushed through the aircraft belly, whistling above the dull roar of the four engines. We dipped lower, almost touching the jagged crest of the mountain. Suddenly we saw the Kurds in the valley — groups of cars abandoned on the dirt road, a few tents, blankets and clothes spread out in the morning sun.

The drop sergeant gave the signal and four pallets, carrying 48 cartons of emergency food rations in canvas strapping, slid down the rollers on the metal floor with a whoosh, as the plane climbed steeply away.

The green parachutes opened, and the emergency relief floated down on to the Iraqi mountainside. We banked sharply and saw the parachutes from the plane ahead crumple up on the ground. Within seconds we had left the valley and were wheeling round for a second drop. There were more pathetic refugees below looking from the air like a ragged gipsy encampment, but curiously deserted.

The four C-130s, each about 30 seconds behind the other, made a big arc among the snow-crested peaks. The signal was given, and another four pallets raced out of the plane.

The doors closed, and we wheeled round again — this time to check where the supplies had landed and how accessible they were. The first drop was a bit short — "but they've got legs," the plane's engineer commented. Some white parachutes were flapping on the mountainside. "Those are the Brits," one crewman said. "They came over this way yesterday."

We passed beneath two other relief planes of the Royal Air Force and two of the French Air Force earlier on the two-hour flight from Incirlik, the Turkish airbase

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Gorbachev calls for a ban on strikes

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev is proposing a series of sweeping measures, including a nationwide moratorium on strikes and demonstrations, the dismissal of officials who disobey central orders and new law and order provisions, in an attempt to avert the political and economic collapse of the Soviet Union. The measures, which apparently stop short of a full state of emergency, form part of an "anti-crisis programme" which the Soviet leader presented yesterday to the country's highest decision-making body, the Council of the Federation.

The measures are designed to combat widespread industrial unrest, increasing nationalist violence and a struggle for power between the centre and the republics which has paralysed the state and republic legislatures and rendered the president's power ineffectual.

According to Mr Gorbachev's press spokesman, Vitali Ignatenko, the president opened yesterday's meeting by emphasising the "alarming situation" and the "extreme danger" facing the country.

Mr Gorbachev has increasingly tried to work through the council, which brings together the three top officials of each constituent republic, in an attempt to ensure that central policies are implemented. But the absence yesterday of six key members, including the Russian leader, Boris Yeltsin, who was said to be on holiday, suggested that the proposed measures had little chance of success.

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Reagan fails to turn tide against Nancy book

Kelley: Reagans unlikely to seek legal redress

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

WHILE customers have swarmed by the hundreds of thousands into America's book shops for the new biography of Nancy Reagan, her husband, the former president, has dismissed its sensational claims as pure falsehood designed to enrich Kitty Kelley, the author, and her publishers. "While I am accustomed to reports that stray from the truth, the flagrant and absurd falsehoods ... clearly exceed the bounds of decency," Ronald Reagan said in a statement a day after most of the US media gave wide currency to Ms Kelley's claims that the former presidential couple led promiscuous lives.

"They are patently untrue, everything from the allegation of marijuana use to marital infidelity, to my failure to be present at the birth of my daughter, Patti," Mr Reagan said. But his denial in Los Angeles on Monday did nothing to reverse the rush for the book, published by Simon and Schuster in an initial run of 600,000 copies.

"I have never seen anything like it in my publishing career," Jack McKeown, vice-president of the company, said. In the first few hours on Monday the firm had received orders for at least 100,000 additional copies, he said.

While Ms Kelley promoted her book in non-stop television appearances, other authors and editors have begun expressing doubts about her techniques and accuracy. Patti Davis, the Reagans' daughter, claims that Ms Kelley misrepresented her statements.

The Washington Post pointed out that a key quotation from an anonymous White House staff member about the alleged affair with Frank Sinatra had already been published in Ms Kelley's biography of the singer in 1986. Even Donald Trump, himself a victim of a disrespectful press, dismissed the Sinatra story as nonsense. "I know both the parties. Frank Sinatra never touched that woman in that way, I promise you that much. His wife is a legitimate beauty and this man had Ava Gardner — remember that."

Given the extensive leeway accorded to authors under America's libel laws, it is considered unlikely that the Reagans will seek legal redress. Under the law of most states, it is hard for a public figures to prove that they have been defamed and court cases merely add to publicity. Reagan family friends have closed ranks around the couple and are said to be advising them to ride out the storm.

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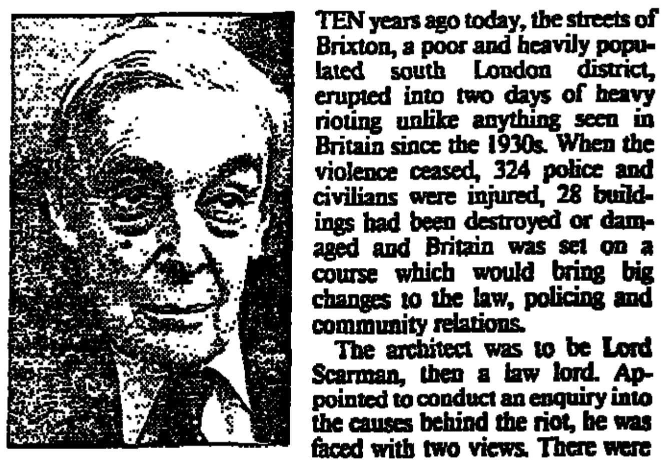
Ten years on, Lord Scarman has hopes for Brixton's future



Lord Scarman: lot done in education and job chances

In 1981, 324 police and civilians were injured during the Brixton riots. The resulting enquiry has resulted in big changes. Stewart Tendler reports

TEN years ago today, the streets of Brixton, a poor and heavily populated south London district, erupted into two days of heavy rioting unlike anything seen in Britain since the 1930s. When the violence ceased, 324 police and civilians were injured, 28 buildings had been destroyed or damaged and Britain was set on a course which would bring big changes to the law, policing and community relations.

The architect was to be Lord Scarman, then a law lord. Appointed to conduct an enquiry into the causes behind the riot, he was faced with two views. There were those who blamed a heavy-handed police operation against street crime which was the latest incident in a saga of mistrust and poor relations with the black community, and others who suggested that the frustrations of the underprivileged had finally welled up.

A few weeks ago Lord Scarman returned to Brixton, and yesterday he expressed his optimism at the way things have improved. A lot had been done both in education and job opportunities for black people and "black people were no longer thinking in terms of street disorder and having a go at the police". The police were more alive to the problems of black disadvantage, alienation and harassment. There was no institutional machinery of prejudice against ethnic groups, and Lord Scarman said: "I think they now accept that, given equality of opportunity, they can advance in the professions, business and public life .... I am hopeful we are making progress, even if it is slow."

In his report at the time, Lord Scarman noted that good policing was pointless unless something was done about the basic flaws in society. His list of suggestions, prompted not only by Brixton but a summer of further riots in 27 cities and towns, was far-ranging.

They resulted in much of the contents of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, the end of laws allowing stop-and-search powers on the streets by police, the setting up of schemes for lay visitors to police stations, the creation of the Police Complaints Authority, police consultative committees, more officers on the beat, more ethnic recruits to the force and action to improve inner city areas.

LLoyd Leon was one of the Brixton residents who gave evidence to Lord Scarman. In 1981, he was manager of a public house close to the heart of the violence, which he and other community figures had prophesised would happen. Last night, he was chairing a meeting of the Lambeth police consultative committee.

Mr Leon, a founder member of the committee and now the licensee of a new public house built on the site of one destroyed in the riots, would agree the relationship between the police and the community has improved, thanks to officers who were prepared to struggle for acceptance, the of men on the beat and consultative committee. Front Line, the famous heart riots and tension, no longer e

Chief Superintendent Street, in charge of Brixton ing, is one of Lord Scarm converts. He believes the n paved the way for a newer, policing into the 1990s. "Brixt still a high-crime area bu different to any other inne area," he said.

However, Brixton is an where police detect a pro from crack, the powerful co derivative. Mr Street is wor Crack might undermine a l hard work.

Clarke may set up pay review body for teachers

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke, the education secretary, is expected to announce shortly that the government intends to set up a review body to determine the pay of the country's 400,000 teachers.

A Commons statement on the government's plans could come next week if he secures the backing of his senior ministerial colleagues at tomorrow's cabinet meeting. Mr Clarke's move, which will be welcomed by most Tory backbenchers, will be seen as a key part of the prime minister's crusade to raise education to the top of his personal agenda and enhance the pay and status of a profession, which, ministers believe, lost its way in the Seventies and Eighties.

Giving teachers a review body would put them on a par with other middle-class groups such as doctors, dentists, nurses, the armed forces and senior civil servants, who have largely turned their backs on the white-collar version of shop-floor militancy. Mr Clarke will be hoping that, by divorcing staffroom salaries from trade union negotiation, he can create the professional workforce that he needs to carry through existing and planned educational reforms.

His anticipated announcement will spell the end of the teachers' pay and conditions bill, which has been stalled in the Commons since completing its committee stages some weeks ago. The bill would have restored teachers' negotiating rights, frozen four years ago when Kenneth Baker, the then education secretary, decided to scrap the Burnham committee and impose a pay settlement to end the school strikes and disruption of the mid-Eighties. An embryo review body already exists in the shape of the interim advisory committee, which has made pay recommendations to ministers over this period.

Evidently, Mr Clarke has decided that those plans, which would have allowed local authorities to opt out of national pay bargaining, do not conform with his stated goal of "professionalising" teaching. However, Labour will be bound to seize on the announcement as yet another U-turn by the government since John Major became prime minister.

Mr Clarke's predecessors at the education department explored the option of a review body before recommending a streamlined system of national pay bargaining. They rejected it partly because of Treasury opposition and partly because they were unable to win any guarantees from teachers' unions that they would respond with a no-strike agreement.

Although Mr Clarke will not be able to announce that he has secured such deal, he appears to be confident that, once a review body is in place, teachers will be inclined to accept its awards without resorting to classroom disruption. He will be able to point out that, although doctors and nurses have no formal no-strike agreement with their employers, they have rarely taken any form of industrial action.

At least two of the teachers' unions — the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, and the no-strike Professional Association of Teachers — support a review body. It would also dovetail neatly with the government's wider plans for educational reform.

However, it will not please the National Union of Teachers, which is demanding the right to negotiate with its members' local authority employers.

MPs unite to delay Gulf war service

By RUTH GLEDHILL AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE government was under pressure last night to postpone or cancel the two ceremonies marking the end of the Gulf war because of the agonies of the Kurdish refugees fleeing from President Saddam Hussein's army.

A cross-party coalition of MPs was forming to urge the prime minister to delay the thanksgiving service at Glasgow cathedral on May 4 and the victory parade through London on June 21.

Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, who has close links with the Kurds, said he thought people would be incensed if the ceremonies went ahead. "While both ceremonies are justified, there must be a resolution to the problem of Kurdistan by way of the United Nations," he said. "All I am asking for is a delay."

David Howell, the Conservative chairman of the all-party foreign affairs select committee, has already called for a postponement. Yesterday, he was joined by Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party. Mr Salmond said that there was a strong feeling that the service should not take place until the Gulf was more stable."

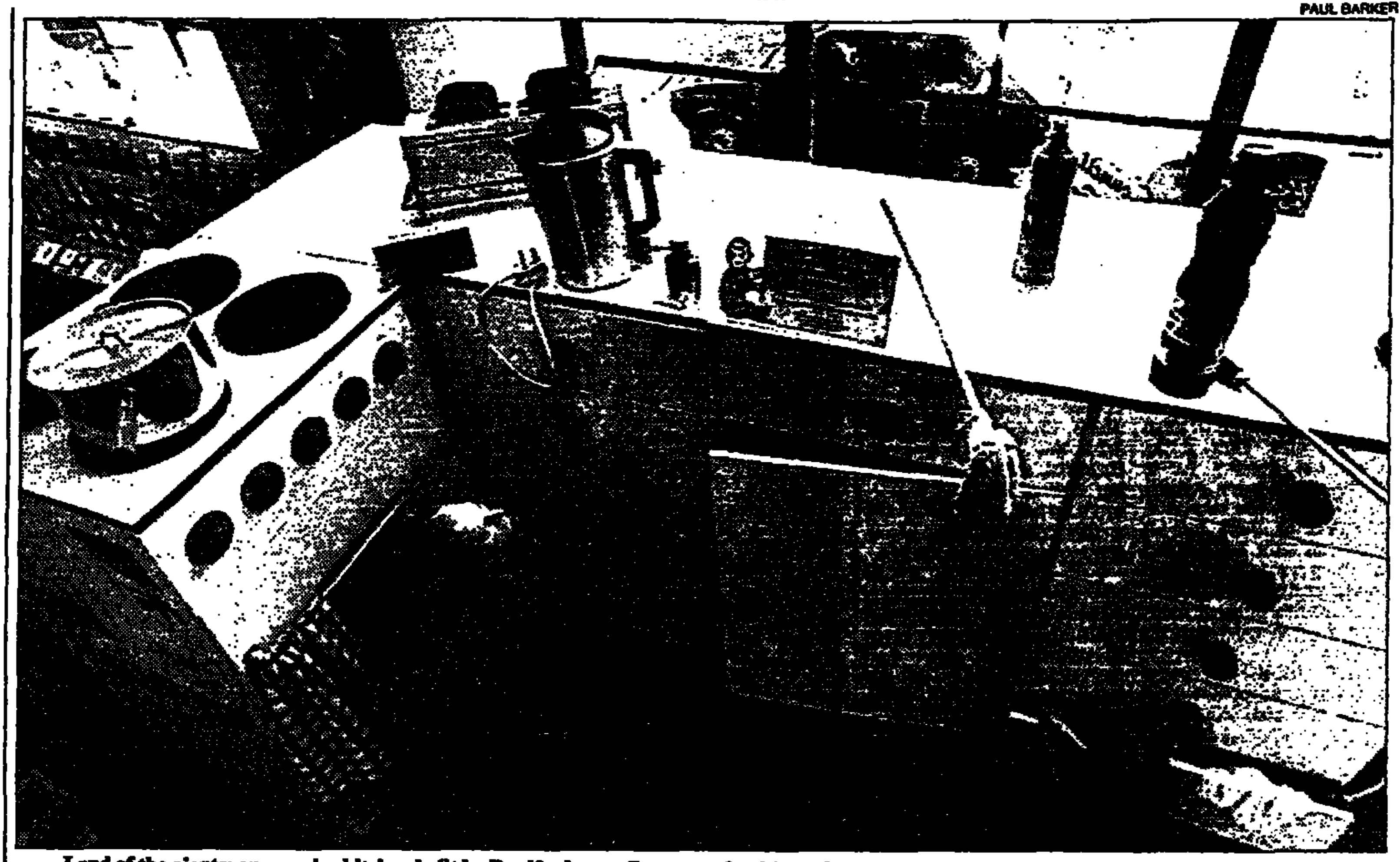
Tam Dalyell, the Labour [illegible] for Linlithgow, has written to the prime minister urging him not to attend the service, saying it would be unseemly while the slaughter in Iraq continued. Mr Dalyell thought the service should, however, go ahead with the Queen joined by servicemen and their families.

The defence ministry said last night that it knew of no plans to postponing either event. It said the Glasgow service was not a victory parade. "It's a service of remembrance and thanksgiving and that's entirely appropriate to be done at any time."

Dr William Morris, minister at Glasgow cathedral, said: "I do not think there is any intention to cancel the service. The argument that because of the Kurds we should not have it is quite short-sighted. The service is really a service of remembrance for those who died and thanksgiving for those who came back.

"The people who suffered most, the relatives and next of kin of those who were killed, are the people who should be considered most."

PAUL BARKER



Land of the giants: an oversize kitchen built by Bradford council as part of a child safety campaign allows adults a child's eye view of the perils that can lurk in every home. A huge pair of scissors hangs over the edge of a worktop and a pan handle, knives and pills are all within reach

Freeze on 'Noriega assets' to be lifted

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

COURT orders freezing British bank accounts holding millions of dollars linked to General Manuel Noriega, the former Panamanian leader, are to be lifted because American agents have failed to produce evidence that the money came from criminal activities.

Up to ten accounts at London banks, including the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, were identified in December 1989 when the justice department in Washington asked Scotland Yard to get High Court orders forcing the banks to disclose any holdings by General Noriega. In February last year, a judge ordered the freezing of assets, put at $5 million (£2.85 million), under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act.

Now, according to legal and police sources, counsel for the Crown Prosecution Service has advised Scotland Yard that the orders cannot be defended in court. After 13 months, American agents have not sent any material to show that the money was linked to trafficking. The orders freezing the accounts are expected to be lifted this month. The money could then be claimed by the new Panamanian government.

General Noriega is being held in in a Florida prison awaiting trial for drug trafficking. At the time that the disclosure orders were made in 1989 the Americans were trying to trace more than £10 million that they believed had been funnelled through accounts in Europe.

Agencies test benefits of freedom from Whitehall

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE largest of the semi-autonomous units in the government's drive to transform Whitehall will be launched today amid hopes that it will improve the delivery of social security payments and transform the image of benefit offices.

As the Benefits Agency, which will employ 68,000 civil servants, begins operating, the man responsible for the employment service agency, dealing with job centres and unemployment benefit, has spoken of the advantages of being freed from control by Whitehall departments.

Although Mike Fogden, head of the employment service agency, which employs 35,600 people, still has weekly contact with the employment secretary and daily contact with officials at the employment service, he spoke yesterday of far-reaching changes that agency status has brought to the running of job centres and benefit offices.

Mr Fogden, who began in the civil service as a clerical officer and rose to under-secretary at the employment department, said that agency status had improved management, raised staff morale and given the public a better service. He said that the agency had been provided with targets for management, whereas previously Whitehall had measured its activities rather than output. "We counted everything that moved," he said. "We had 120 performance measurements, which, of course, no one focused on."

Mr Fogden, admitting that several targets have not been met, says that the agency is "finding its way", and blames rising unemployment for failure in key areas. The agency is 14 per cent from its target of putting 1.65 million unemployed into jobs. However, a target of 91 per cent was set for ensuring that within six working days a claim for unemployment had been processed and was in the system, and the agency has reached 88 per cent, and a target that 95 per cent of payments be accurate has been beaten.

Many offices have adopted open-plan systems, with carpets, so so as to be "consumer friendly", and Mr Fogden created 32 job clubs for professional people without having to consult the department.

The agency has revenue generation powers and so can charge employers for extra services. It is also free to recruit its own staff, rather than using the Civil Service Commission.

Llama and a café boost zoo hopes

By JOE JOSEPH

TO SHOW just how little likelihood there is of London zoo closing by September, the zoo's directors yesterday brought in a llama, an elephant and a dozen Chelsea pensioners to help open a new "Georgian-style" café that it hopes will lure more visitors to Regent's Park. So there *will* be chimpanzees still for tea.

The llama was supposed to be towing a carriage carrying Queen Victoria, but the monarch was apparently the first victim of the zoo's new round of belt-tightening. Anyway, she may not have been amused by the newly tricked-out Regent Café, whose £400,000 Georgian refit depended largely on striped wallpaper and reproduction wall lanterns. But caring for paying visitors almost as well as the keepers care for the animals has become a major goal for the zoo. Catering income has tripled to £3 million over the past 2½ years. The zoo's publicity campaign to secure its future was stepped up again yesterday when it launched a "Save Our Zoo" campaign, asking people to phone in and pledge funds.

The zoo says its telephones have been jammed with people offering money and support. Its director, David Jones, said: "What we are saying is not give us money to save what is here, but for where we want to go. The fund's target is £12 million. The aim is to link the live animals — we want to keep a certain number of species of animals here — to the other aims of the zoological society and to show how all the various parts of this organisation interact. Our critics say 'we don't want a zoo', but there is no word for the sort of live animal collection we want that does not fit their preconceived idea of a zoo."

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Judges to oppose mandatory life term

By SHEILA GUNN

LEADING judges will clash with the government next Thursday by voting to abolish the mandatory life sentence for murder.

Amendments will be published tomorrow to put new clauses into the criminal justice bill making life imprisonment the maximum rather than the mandatory sentence for murder and setting up a tribunal to take over the home secretary's power to release life prisoners in cases other than murder.

Although a heavy whip will be sent out to Tory peers to oppose the abolition, the government is likely to lose the vote because of strong cross party support for reform of the present sentencing system.

The amendments, to be tabled in the Lords today, will be signed by members of the Lords select committee which investigated the workings of the mandatory life imprisonment system, including Lord Nathan, the chairman, and Lord Windlesham. Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, and the Lord Ackner, the law lord, are also planning to speak in favour of abolition.

Lord Waddington, leader of the Lords and the former home secretary, has decided to present personally the government's case for keeping the mandatory life sentence although the rest of the bill is being handled by the Lord Ferrers, the home office minister, and Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor.

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Secret paradise that shelters behind Porton Down gates

By JOHN YOUNG

IN 1916, when the allied forces were facing bombardment by poison gas in the trenches of France and Flanders, the government requisitioned and sealed off a stretch of Salisbury Plain to carry out research into ways of countering chemical warfare.

The Chemical Defence Establishment, Porton Down, which yesterday marked its 75th anniversary by being redesignated a semi-autonomous support agency and having the word biological added to its title, has inevitably acquired a sinister image. The high gates and fences that enclose it, however, conceal more than military secrets. Inside is a unique prehistoric landscape, remarkable for having survived into the the late 20th century. Of the nearly 7,000 acres owned by the defence ministry, more than 3,000 acres has been designated as a site of special scientific interest. Its claim to be the largest continuous tract of chalk grassland in Britain scarcely does justice to its character. In some ways it resembles an African savannah: the soil humped by millions of ant hills the rolling slopes dotted with clumps of juniper, hawthorne and dogwood scrub.

For 2,000 years or more, the land was grazed by sheep and rabbits. The sheep have since been removed but deer, rabbits and squirrels are everywhere. The adjoining woodlands are bright with springtime primroses and violets.

A buzzard: one of 93 bird species on Porton Down

A green woodpecker: lives in naturalists' paradise

Porton Down is a naturalists' paradise. It is the richest butterfly site in Britain, with 44 recorded species, and has 15 species of orchid; rare wildflowers such as chalk millwort, meadow clary and candytuft; 93 types of bird, including buzzards, wood larks, stonechats, stone curlews, yellowhammers, willow warblers and green woodpeckers; and 194 species of grassland spider.

Man's long presence there is also in evidence. Scattered across the downland are more than 100 bronze-age barrows and more than 30 kilometres of linear earthworks, many in a remarkable state of preservation. Archaeologists have discovered the largest area of neolithic flint workings in Britain, some of which were reactivated in the 17th and 18th centuries. A comparison of this extraordinary landscape with the farmland that surrounds it provides dramatic evidence of the changes that modern agriculture has inflicted on the English countryside.

Kenneth Carlisle, defence under-secretary, said yesterday that its preservation was an outstanding achievement and the best example of the ministry's contribution to conservation.

Colonel James Baker, the ministry's conservation officer, said that, historically, the services were allotted land that was of only marginal agricultural value. Such land is frequently of great ecological interest, however, both because of its natural character and also due to the fact that it has remained largely untouched by intensive farming.

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British and Irish m agreed yesterday on a ments for a 10-week between Anglo-Irish ference meetings, with party talks starting afte 26.

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The next conference ing to be held in Lon April 26 will mark the o of the gap between governmental confe during which negotiatio go ahead. A joint c nique from the Britis Irish governments we the fact that a basi existed for formal p talks on relationships Northern Ireland and the island of Ireland.

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RSPCA inspectors an holers were last night tr free three Jack Russell t trapped underground for than five days. Sam, and Tina can be wimpering behind a roc at Varteg, near Pont Gwent.

Their owner, Simon aged 26, watched as Cw caving club volunteer RSPCA officers used a hammer from a m platform 120ft up a cliff face to try to re dogs.

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White couple lose battle to bring up black foster child

By BILL FROST

A WHITE couple failed in the Court of Appeal yesterday to win back the black child that they had brought up since he was younger than a month old.

James and Lynne Melling, foster parents of St Anne's on Sea, near Blackpool, had remortgaged their home and spent £8,000 in a legal battle to prevent the child, now aged two, from being taken away from them. The court dismissed their application for leave to seek a judicial review of a decision by Lancashire county council to place the child elsewhere, just four days before Christmas.

Three judges were told how Mr Melling, aged 42, and his wife, aged 40, had "showered the child, David, with love and affection since he was 24 days old in February 1989". At the beginning of last year the Mellings said that they wanted to make a permanent home for the boy and bring him with their other adopted son, Tyrone, aged nine. In November, however, the county council told the couple that long-term carers had been found for David, who would eventually adopt him and bring him up with their two other adopted black children.

Matthias Kelly, counsel for Mr and Mrs Melling, told the court that the authority had a rigid policy on placing children with others of the same cultural and ethnic background. "The council has paid too little attention to the deep and binding love the couple had bonded with David, and he with them," he said.

Lord Justice Balcombe, one of the three judges hearing the appeal, said that there had never been any suggestion that the couple had given other than excellent care to the child. He went on: "One cannot but feel sympathy for them after they raised David for the first two years of his life. They have obviously grown very fond of him and want to keep him on a permanent basis."

The council said Mr and Mrs Melling knew that they were only short-term carers while a long-term solution was being sought. The judge said that it was for the court to interpret the law, and under the 1980 Child Care Act the couple would have to prove that the local authority had been so unreasonable, its decision so perverse, that no other local authority could make the same decision in similar circumstances.

Passing judgment, Lord Justice Balcombe said that in his view no court could come to that decision, and that the application for a judicial review must be dismissed. He could only sympathise with the couple who had "taken on the task of giving love and care to children whose own parents did not".

After the hearing, Mrs Melling said she had hoped that the interests of the child would outweigh the letter of the law. "It's all very well these judges having sympathy for us. We have had lots of sympathy — what we wanted was the child returned to us, or, at the very least, a review of our case.

"It appears that, although they may agree with us emotionally, they do not want to set a precedent. Since David was taken away we have not heard a thing about him, not even a note to say how he was doing."

Graham Bainbridge, solicitor for Mr and Mrs Melling, said after the judgment that an appeal to the House of Lords would be considered. He added: "They simply fell in love with David, and it broke their hearts when he was taken away."

BA libel payout to former air hostess

A FORMER air hostess dismissed for an alleged champagne fraud won "substantial" libel damages from British Airways in the High Court yesterday.

Lynn Hooper, aged 26, was cleared of the alleged fraud by an industrial tribunal in November 1989, but remarks made by Peter Owen, then BA's operations director, made it impossible for her to return to her job. The dismissal of Mrs Hooper led to a one-day strike and industrial action that cost BA £5 million.

The airline paid her £9,500 in compensation after withdrawing its defence to her claim for unfair dismissal. It has now paid an undisclosed five-figure sum in damages for libel over comments that, in spite of its concession to the industrial tribunal, it still believed her to be guilty.

The alleged fraud concerned the supposed sale by Mrs Hooper of free quarter-bottles of champagne meant for club class passengers to economy class travellers. However, Mrs Hooper, now the mother of son aged nine months, said: "I have finally cleared my name. I don't care tuppence for the damages. It is the principle that was at stake. They used me as an example and I set out to clear my name, and that is what I have done."

Michael Short, Mrs Hooper's solicitor, told Mr Justice Drake that she had been dismissed in April 1989 after an investigation by the airline into alleged unauthorised stock transfers. Mrs Hooper, of Fair Oak, near Eastleigh, Hampshire, had "at all times insisted she was innocent of any dishonesty", Mr Short said.

Mr Owen and BA said that any suggestion of dishonesty was unintended, and unreservedly withdrew it, apologised and agreed to pay the damages and legal costs of about £10,000.

TONY WHITE

Newcomers' day: Patricia Scotland with her father at the House of Lords yesterday before taking silk to become Britain's first black woman QC, and (right) Helen Kennedy with her son and daughter at her London chambers before becoming one of 73 new barristers to be sworn in. She is wearing men's knickerbockers instead of silks

Stirring deeds as drinkers steam in

By ALAN HAMILTON

AN ENGLISHMAN'S second home is his public house and he will, if required, emulate Horatius in defending the bridge that leads him to it.

Stirring deeds were done yesterday at the Steamboat Inn, Sawley, Derbyshire, a hostelry whose only access is by an early 19th-century bridge across the Erewash canal. It began when workmen from the British Waterways Board (BWB) arrived to demolish it, thus cutting off the Steamboat from its customers, its beer deliveries and the rest of the world.

However, Steamboat customers procured a cabin cruiser, boarded it and anchored it under the bridge to protect their sole access. The demolition crew was obliged to retreat. Bureaucracy was to blame: BWB had planned to rebuild the bridge, which has a load limit of only 2½ tons, to modern standards at the start of this year, when trade at the Steamboat is quiet.

When the workmen eventually arrived to begin work yesterday, spring trade at the public house was already picking up and David Rowley, the landlord, saw disaster looming. He said yesterday that, had the bridge been closed, he stood to lose £150,000 in summer trade because it would take four months to replace the structure.

The invading workmen retreated and BWB agreed to delay replacement of the bridge until the end of this year.

EC aid expected to fight oil fires

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE European Commission is expected today to announce an aid package for tackling the oil fires in Kuwait, after an appeal for help yesterday from the country's oil minister.

The package, which could total £6 million, may be followed by a £4.2 million grant for combating air and sea pollution and for studying the long-term effects of the fires on health and the environment. Officials at the commission said that a meeting of oil companies and European fire-fighting firms was expected to be called to decide where and how the money should be spent.

Yesterday it emerged that scores of inventive British proposals for tackling the fires, which critics claim have been gathering dust at the trade and industry department, are to be finally given serious consideration. The whereabouts of the proposals, submitted by inventors and groups of engineers, have been unclear for many weeks.

The trade and industry department said yesterday, however, that the proposals were being taken to experts at the Offshore Supplies Office in Glasgow, an arm of the energy department, where they are to be screened to identify any that might work.

An enquiry from Kuwaiti officials about what Britain could offer to help tackle the fires directly has led to a surge of interest. It was originally thought that Britain would play only a support role for the American fire-fighting teams.

Peter Lilley, trade and industry secretary, arrived in Kuwait yesterday leading a trade mission and said he hoped that Britain would play a big role in rebuilding the emirate. Contracts for British firms would be in "very large numbers over a long period".

Keegan tells of car attack

By RAY CLANCY

KEVIN Keegan, the former England football captain, yesterday described how he was attacked in his car by a man wielding a baseball bat. He was treated in hospital for head and shoulder injuries.

Two men demanded that he hand over his money when he pulled off the motorway because he was tired after a late ferry crossing on his way home from Spain. He said: "I was woken up by a baseball bat coming straight through the windscreen towards my head. I did not know what was happening and now realise I was part of a very vicious robbery.

"There were two of them and one was swinging the bat into my face and head. They said they would kill me if I did not hand over my money," said Mr Keegan, aged 40. He gave the men £700 in pesetas.

He said that that he had pulled off the M25 for a rest at Reigate, Surrey, on Monday night and stopped his silver Range Rover next to a car park on the A217. "I thought I would only sleep for about 20 minutes but I must have dozed off for almost two hours when the attack took place at about 11.45pm.

Keegan: baseball bat swung at his head

"I'm still getting blinding headaches, I've got blurred vision and I'm having difficulty standing. They could not have recognised me, I was just covered in blood from the time the bat smashed through the window and hit me on the head. I'm lucky to be alive," he added. Mr Keegan stopped a motorist who telephoned the emergency services.

Police want to trace the occupants of a light-coloured Ford Escort seen near the scene of the attack.

Classical case of the familiar from afar

By PHILIP HOWARD

THE fall of communism is bringing the Soviet Union back into the comity of scholarship. The largest panel of papers at the annual meeting of the Classical Association, at Warwick university, yesterday concerned what scholars call the Black Sea and Colchis, and modern Russians call Georgia.

For the first time, there was a lecturer from Moscow, Gotcha Tsetskhladze, at present a research scholar at Linacre College, Oxford. He demonstrated how, as early as the sixth-century BC, Colchis was becoming part of the Greek world. From the fifth century onwards, people at the eastern end of the Black Sea started to worship gods from the Greek pantheon, such as Athena, Ares, and Hecate. Greek settlers brought the cults of Apollo and the Dioscuri. Dionysus and Heracles, those wild, macho deities, were especially popular. You could say that they still are in Georgia. The metal artefacts of Colchis are wild eastern-frontier, but beautiful and clearly European, including a dead ringer for our own dear Green Man. The Russian enigma now unwrapping from its mystery turns out to be not such a riddle, but strangely familiar.

Dr David Braund, of Exeter university, showed how the eastern Black Sea became central to Roman ideology, with its Argonautic and El Dorado myths. It was also an imperial commitment with its tyrants, and bandits, and potentialities for unrest. *Plus ça change.* Moving around the Black Sea to Turkey, Dr Anna Wilson, of Birmingham university, considered Cappadocian bishops and their women. A father of the fourth-century church, Chrysostom, consoles the nun Olympias, depressed by his absence: "Anyone who knows the power of love knows what I mean." The Black Sea is not so far away from our old culture.

French chefs tuck in à l'anglaise

From FRANCES BISSELL IN BIARRITZ

IT IS hard to imagine 200 French *citoyens* sitting down last night to eat their *couronne d'agneau* with mint sauce *à l'anglaise*, even harder to imagine if you know they were maître cuisiniers de France at the opening dinner of their 36th Assemblée Générale.

These soberly dressed gentlemen and their ladies from southwestern France were at the Hotel du Palais in Biarritz, sitting at elegant tables fanning out in the half circle of La Rotonde. Course followed course. The lamb was preceded by a clear oxtail consommé flavoured with fino sherry and garnished with truffled chicken. The first course was a coulibiac of salmon, a pastry filled with rice, salmon and chopped hard-boiled eggs, surrounded by two sauces and salmon caviare. More gastronomic surprises of a British kind awaited the French stomach, however. After the mint sauce with lamb came the pud, as fine a crème brûlée as you'd taste anywhere. Expressions, however, were anxious at this point. Where was the cheese?

A brave chef, indeed, who would do that to the French; serve the pudding before the cheese. An even braver chef who would cook for so many of his peers. But what to make of a chef and his brigade who served an English meal to French chefs in France? And if that chef were a Frenchman himself?

For that is what Michel Bourdin, chef de cuisine at the Connaught hotel in London, has done: taken his colleagues Guy Mouilleron, Michael Aldridge and Eric Duval to Biarritz, along with wild Scottish salmon, new season's Southdown lamb, Jersey Royals and Stilton. Even the cream and sugar were brought in to make an authentic crème brûlée; all of it trundling across France under the banner of Food from Britain.

It was the perfect setting for an expression of this *entente cordiale gastronomique*. The Palais may have been built by Napoleon for Eugenie, but Biarritz has long been a favourite of the British. Asquith became prime minister here and streets are named after British kings and queens. The ghosts of those illustrious visitors must have been smiling.

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Bankers queue for £14,000 health job

By JILL SHERMAN
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

UNEMPLOYED bankers and estate agents are among 150 applicants for a £14,000 junior management post in one of the new National Health Service trusts, a job considered one notch up from a personal secretary.

The post of community liaison officer at West Dorset Community Hospitals Trust attracted over 1,000 enquiries almost immediately. Bob Rotchell, the trust's director of operational services, said he would normally expect about 30 enquiries for such a post. However, about 150 applications had already arrived.

The post involves interviewing patients in hospital outpatient departments and at home to assess the quality of health services. The trust, with its powers to set its own salaries, offered slightly above the going rate and included a car, a Ford Fiesta.

Mr Rotchell said: " I didn't expect anything like the response we had. This just reflects the market place and shows how desperate things really are."

Ministers to stress self-help as best way to cut crime

The government thinks the public is not doing enough to stop crime, reports **Quentin Cowdry**

THE launch of the first national Crime Prevention Week on Monday will mark a new peak in government efforts to make the public shoulder more responsiblity for tackling crime.

Ministers say that the £4.5 million cost of the campaign is easily justified by research that suggests that one in five drivers does not lock his or her car and that nearly one out of three burglars is able to walk in without a forced entry.

However, while the rapid growth of community initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch is a source of government pride, the impact on crime nationally seems to have been negligible. Last year, 4,542,000 offences were recorded in England and Wales, 79 per cent more than the number registered in 1979.

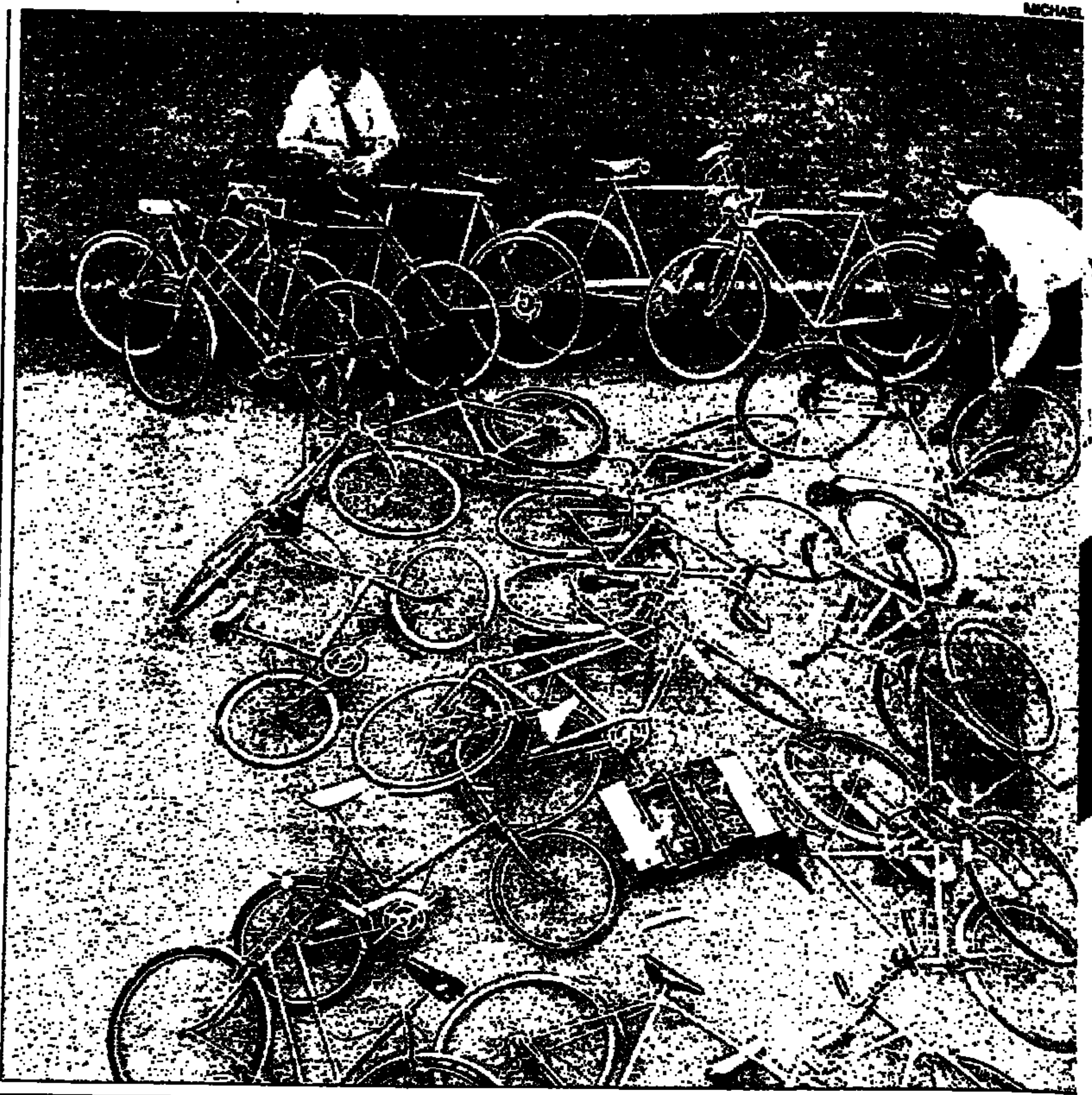
Part of that rise stems from increased reporting of crime, something which a national crime week can only heighten. However, there have also been big increases in the figures for crimes with high reporting rates such as vehicle theft. In 1990, 494,005 vehicles were recorded as stolen, 60 per cent more than in 1979. For burglaries, about two thirds of which are reported, the increase was 85 per cent. In the past 11 years, central government spending on law and order has risen by 70 per cent.

During national crime week, ministers will be pointing out that if homes had been properly secured there might have been about 300,000 fewer burglaries last year. They will also point to a recent survey that indicates that auto-crime is far worse than in many similar industrial nations.

The week will see hundreds of exhibitions, seminars, competitions and other activities designed to bring home the message that ordinary citizens can combat crime. Participants will include police forces, local authorities, probation services, the charities Crime Concern and Victim Support and dozens of Neighbourhood Watch schemes and police-sponsored crime prevention panels.

Many local crime prevention schemes seem to be working. They involve concerted efforts by police, public and town hall officials to make houses less "burglar friendly". However, there is also evidence that Neighbourhood Watch schemes merely divert burglars districts near by.

Dr Jock Young, head of Middlesex polytechnic's criminology department, thinks the real problem is the government's refusal to recognise the part poor housing, unemployment and social divisions play in creating crime. Citizens, he said, could do more to guard against crime, but more emphasis was needed on countering what he believed were the underlying wellsprings of lawlessness.



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Recycled: Police Sergeant Steve Smith (left) and
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bicycles to be used in Britain's first free bike sc
launched in Exeter yesterday. The cycles, unclaimed
being stolen, have been painted a dazzling lime gree
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joint venture between the police, social services
probation service is aimed at deterring cycle joyriders
cutting thefts of private bicycles. The organisers hope
exotic colour will protect the cycles from theft

New tests urged on car safety

By PETER VICTOR

NEW procedures are needed to test the way in which cars protect their occupants in a crash, according to the Transport and Road Research Laboratory. Present tests for head-on impacts are unlikely to provide a true picture of the probable damage from most such crashes, it says.

The laboratory, in Crowthorne, Berkshire, yesterday demonstrated one of a series of new tests involving partial front-end impacts. A test car was crashed at 37.5 mph into a 200-ton concrete block, to which a honeycomb of metal was fitted to represent the front of an oncoming car.

Richard Lowne, the laboratory's head of occupant safety, said: "Two-thirds of fatal vehicle impacts — some 1,600 — involve front-end collisions. Two-thirds of those — some 1,100 — involve partial overlap."

He added: "A real accident is very different to driving a car into a concrete block, where the full width of the front of the car absorbs the impact. In reality, drivers will attempt to swerve to avoid the accident altogether." The laboratory was trying to devise a test that would be accepted internationally, leading to better vehicle design and fewer deaths in accidents.

● Jaguar is turning to the Japanese for components for its limousines and sports cars. Bill Hayden, Jaguar's chairman, disclosed yesterday that he is to award a multi-million pound contract for air-conditioning systems to Nippon Denso.

Jaguar may also link with the Japanese pressings company Ogihara, which wants to negotiate for a contract to supply body panels. Both suppliers plan to create jobs at sites in Britain.

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By NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORR

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Dispute over fifth terminal rages on

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

A DISPUTE over who should pay to improve the roads leading to Heathrow has still not been settled as the long-running controversy over plans to build a fifth passenger terminal at the airport moves one stage further over the next few weeks.

The transport department is insisting that BAA pays most of the estimated £300 million which, it says, will be needed to widen the M25 and M4 and build access roads to the new passenger terminal planned for the site of the Perry Oaks sewage works. However, two decisions are about to be taken which could trigger a long and complex public enquiry into the creation of Britain's single biggest air terminal. Next week, Thames Water, which owns the Perry Oaks works, will decide whether to move the plant to a site near Slough, Berkshire, or to one ne
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Tory council refuses to cut its budget below capped limit

By Craig Seton

THE Conservative-led Warwickshire county council refused yesterday to cut its budget to below the government's capping limit and decided to appeal to Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, to abandon spending controls he has imposed on the authority.

Warwickshire is one of three Tory councils among 14 designated for capping by Mr Heseltine for setting budgets above government spending limits. After agreeing cuts of £7.5 million in February, Warwickshire's budget of £278 million for 1991-2 remains £6 million above the government's assessment of the authority's needs.

The council has insisted that further cuts of £6 million would have a disastrous consequence on services, especially education. New reductions could mean 600 redundancies, including 150 teachers. Yesterday, at an extraordinary meeting of its policy and resources committee, members voted to challenge the government by making a direct appeal to the environment secretary to use the discretion he has to allow the authority to keep the budget it has agreed.

The committee also urged Mr Heseltine to respond urgently to its appeal, within 28 days if possible. It fears that if it does not receive a definitive reply until as late as June, it would face additional costs of over £500,000 involved in rebilling householders for poll tax payments.

John Vereker, the Conservative leader of the council, said after yesterday's meeting: "We are one of the most efficient councils in the country and we can clearly demonstrate the government spending targets are a computer-driven formula which bears no relationship to our needs."

The council said that budget cuts made more than a year ago meant that the environment secretary's assessment of the council's spending needs had started from an unnaturally low base line. Half the cuts of £7.5 million already agreed will be achieved by reductions in the education budget, including a 25 per cent reduction in youth service provision. The police budget has lost over £1 million, two fire stations are being closed and some libraries will be closed for half or a full day a week. Further cuts of £6 million would again affect education, the police, fire and social services.

● One of the three Conservative-controlled councils to be charge-capped is likely to comply with the ruling. The policy committee of Langbaurgh on Tees borough council yesterday voted not to use its statutory right to appeal after officers warned them that they could lose more money by contesting the order than the amount they have been told to cut. The decision will go for ratification at a special meeting of the full council later this month.

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Second sitting: Leonard McComb, ARA, copies Cézanne's *The Artist's Wife in an Armchair*, one of the works from the Emil G. Bührle Collection, Zurich, on show at the Royal Academy in London. He hopes to learn more of Cézanne's methods

New life peers to strengthen front benches

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

JOHN Major is to announce his first batch of life peers this month to be groomed as potential ministers in the Lords. He is expected to make Lord Hesketh chief whip in the upper House.

Among about 12 names on the Downing Street honours list will be those of a black or Asian peer, a leading charity administrator, and a top QC, all destined for Labour's front bench. The Tory peers are likely to be joined by a former MP with experience of the Commons whips' office, who will be marked down for a similar job in the upper House.

The substantial list of candidates put in to Downing Street by Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, has been severely pruned by the prime minister to give the Tories and Labour parity with an expected five new peers each, together with a Liberal Democrat and one independent.

At the request of Lord Waddington, leader of the Lords, Mr Major will break away from Margaret Thatcher's tendency of using all honours lists as a reward for public or political services. Instead, he has copied Labour's practice of picking "working peers" who contribute regularly to the role of the Lords as a revising chamber.

Lord Waddington, the former home secretary, is understood to be dismayed by the quality of the front bench he inherited four months ago in the Lords, with the reliance on hardworking but inexperienced hereditary peers. He wants to shift the balance by introducing more life peers.

Mr Major is expected to make Lord Hesketh chief whip in the Lords when Lord Denham steps down at the late spring bank holiday recess next month after 30 years on the front bench. Lord Hesketh had been reluctant to give up his job as industry minister but has been persuaded to take on the challenge by Lord Denham and his troops.

Lady Blatch, the junior environment minister and a close friend of the prime minister, was a contender but is likely to be promoted to another ministry instead, possibly taking over Lord Hesketh's job at the trade and industry department. Lord Whitelaw marked down Lord Hesketh as a natural successor to Lord Denham more than five years ago when he was in the whips' office, before going on to become heritage minister. Like Lord Denham, he has the antennae to sense rebellion beginning in the Tory ranks.

There has been an embarrassing dearth of suitable candidates in recent years willing to take on the long hours in the Lords for a junior minister's salary of £33,241 a year, nearly £6,000 less than for a Commons minister. But, as part of his strategy of strengthening the front bench, Lord Waddington has won them Treasury approval for a special night subsistence allowance of £4,672 a year backdated to last April.

The Lords leader also wants to score a propaganda coup by bringing Lady Flather, the Asian peer, on to his front bench soon, together with another life peer, Lady Cumberlege.

Lord Denham: ending 30 years on front bench

Lord Cledwyn of Penros, Labour's leader in the upper House, has spent nine years building up a formidable front bench from out of the very few new recruits granted to him by Mrs Thatcher. Top of Mr Kinnock's submission to the honours list is a QC as a potential Lord Chancellor in a Labour government, and a member of the ethnic minorities.

Labour has only 110 peers and at least 20 can no longer attend through age or ill health. A vote of 60 Labour peers is now considered a good score. The Conservatives have more than 500 peers on their whip, although only 120 are regular attenders. Government defeats are invariably caused by all-party rebellions.

EC unity to be set in standing stones

By William Cash

A STONE monument symbolising European cultural unity in 1992 is to be built close to Stonehenge and Avebury, in Wiltshire, bringing the tradition of West Country monoliths to the 20th century.

The European Community of Stones (ECOS) will comprise a dozen monoliths, one from each European Community country, landscaped into a Greek-style amphitheatre being built at Frome Community College in Somerset. New stones will be added as membership of the EC is extended.

The stones, about 17ft high and weighing 16 tonnes, will be delivered from quarries throughout Europe during the year. The British monolith will be a limestone rock from the Foster Yeoman quarry in the Mendips.

Mike Walker, chairman of ECOS, said yesterday that the project aimed to give a voice to small and friendly towns across Europe and to extend cultural exchange in the arts and education. "Frome reflects countless hundreds of other similiar towns in Europe. The unique community of stones will symbolise our common purpose."

The cost of £200,000 is being met by government and European grants as well as local businessmen. Mr Walker said: "Industries are leaping at the opportunity of helping to build an historic symbol of 1992."

Caterpillar trucks have started carving out the tiers of the semi-circular amphitheatre, which will hold up to 500 people. A work experience scheme has been organised for the construction of the drystone walls and laying of the flagstone seats. Finally, sculptors from each country will carve their respective monoliths into works of abstract art ready for the opening in August next year.

Corruption case MP remanded

Harry Greenway, Conse vative MP for Ealing Nort was yesterday remanded o bail until April 23 by ma istrates at Bow Street, centr London, accused of acceptin gifts in return for attemptin to use his parliamentar influence.

He is alleged to have a cepted airline tickets for him self and his family t Germany, Austria an Switzerland, and tickets to Spanish riding exhibition i return for trying to influenc the appointment of a ne British Rail chairman an contracts between BR an Plasser Railway Machiner Mr Greenway, of Cambridg Street, Westminster, was no in court yesterday and will no have to appear on April 23.

Also remanded were No bert Jurasek, Plasser manag ing director, aged 49, o Loddon Drive, Wargrave Berkshire; David Currie, fo mer BR civil engineer, 64, o Tylers Green, Buckingham shire; and Michael Brooks, 62 of Blashford, Hampshire. Al were accused of conspiring t corrupt.

20mph limits

Speed limits of 20mph are t be introduced in some Wels residential areas in an attemp to cut road deaths by a thir by the year 2000.

Acid attack

Police believe animal right activists may have bee responsible for an acid an superglue attack on two me suppliers' vans at Hippe holme, West Yorkshire.

Jobs blow

The Japanese compa Ogihara has dropped plans open a components plant Crewe, Cheshire, because the recession. It would ha provided 350 new jobs.

Hospital fires

More than 100 mothers babies were evacuated f Birmingham maternity pital after two fires broke in a suspected arson attac

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Deputies vote unanimously for Georgian independence

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

EORGIA yesterday formally reasserted its indepenlence from Moscow, giving a pectacular and emotional reply to growing Soviet interention in the ethnic conflict aging in the north of the epublic. There were scenes of ejoicing in the elegant, treeined central boulevard of Tbilisi, the capital, as the parliament voted unanimously to restore the independence Georgia lost in the Soviet takeover of 1921.

Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the nationalist Georgian president, warned deputies that their resolution did not automatically mean secession. The declaration, which follows the adoption of the flag, name and symbols of the pre-1921 state last autumn, was, however, a dramatic snub to the Kremlin.

Replying to what they see as a Soviet campaign to thwart the drive for independence by stirring up local minorities, the legislators said: "The territory of the sovereign republic of Georgia is unitary and indivisible. It recognises and guarantees all basic rights and human freedoms proclaimed by international law, regardless of race, sex, language, creed, political or other convictions . . ."

The resolution, which cited the massive pro-independence vote in the plebiscite of March 31, was adopted exactly two years after the killing of 20 demonstrators in Tbilisi by Soviet interior ministry troops triggered a wave of nationalism. It also coincided with a growing Soviet military presence in South Ossetia, where at least 50 people have died in fighting between ethnic Ossetians, whose leaders want to remain part of the Soviet Union, and Georgian forces, which include police and militia.

At least 24 heavy armoured cars have been counted rolling into the region in the past week, after the Soviet parliament urged President Gorbachev to impose a state of emergency on South Ossetia, overruling the Georgian legislature.

Georgians accuse Soviet peacekeeping troops of helping Ossetian fighters to wage a guerrilla war, while the Ossetian leaders claim that the Soviet forces offer their community only partial protection against Georgian atrocities and economic warfare. Militia fighters on both sides use machineguns, grenade-launchers and small rockets.

The Ossetian leadership yesterday alleged that conditions were worsening in Tskhinvali, the regional capital around which Georgian forces have thrown a partial blockade, with bread production at a halt, no electricity for the last three days, limited water supplies and fears of an epidemic.

The last few days have also seen increased fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian-populated mountainous enclave of the republic of Azerbaijan, where a three-year guerrilla war provides an insight into what could happen in South Ossetia.

In Lithuania, another republic that refuses to recognise Moscow's authority, Soviet troops yesterday took over a driving school that had been linked to the army, prompting nationalists to speculate that a new suppression could be starting.

Moscow begins pullout

From ROGER BOYES
IN WARSAW AND
PATRICIA KOZA
IN BORNE-SULINOWO

A HARD rain fell on the Soviet army yesterday as soldiers loaded Scud missiles on railway bogeys in the first grudging troop withdrawal from Poland. General Viktor Dubynin, commander of the northern group of Soviet forces, said after taking the salute at a march past that the troops had "proudly fulfilled their international duty". Some 1,200 men will disappear in a few weeks.

General Dubynin admitted ublicly for the first time that oviet nuclear missiles had en stationed on Polish soil, ough all were withdrawn 990.

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Riot police await United invasion

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

TI-TERRORIST troops, ly soldiers, riot police, chologists and experts on ish crowd behaviour are ng deployed today by the ish authorities in the big- security operation since collapse of communist to cope with the invasion Warsaw by about 2,000 nchester United fans.

The European Cup-wints' Cup match between anchester United and Legia the main Polish army team is regarded as a trial of ength by the Polish authori- The Zomo riot police of vious communist adminis- ons was used to suppress darity demonstrators and disbanded when power ged hands. Now there is a democratically minded so far, untested riot unit, State Police Prevention . They have the same cannon, tear-gas mornd rubber truncheons. tish police liaison offire already in Warsaw, will be joined by detecaccompanying the big- ntingents of supporters, ly by charter plane to w today. A senior police from Manchester and y advisers from the Football Association visited Warsaw last week to work out a strategy with the Poles. An emergency British consulate has been opened in the stadium to deal with arrested or injured fans. The Legia club has invited three Roman Catholic priests to be present.

The plan is to use about 300 soldiers to act as a firebreak between the English and Polish spectators, as well as separating the potentially violent from the more placid Poles. Anti-terrorist squads will check for weapons, alcohol, bottles and matches. After kick-off they will patrol the upper terraces. Riot police will encircle the stadium and adjoining streets.

The Manchester fans — the club has an allocation of 1,500 seats — will be ordered to stay in their places for about 20 minutes after the game and then they will be escorted to their coaches. A police convoy will guard the buses as they take the fans to the airport.

However, there is a real risk of Polish fans ambushing the United supporters at some stage of their phased withdrawal. The other risk is the several hundred Manchester fans who are making their way to Poland in the hope of buying tickets outside the stadium. These fans will presumably not be in the allocated and carefully monitored seats.

The Legia skinhead fans are drawn chiefly from the sprawling, barren Warsaw housing estates where they sometimes stage territorial gang wars. One of their initiation rites is to cut off the tail of a dog and eat it raw.

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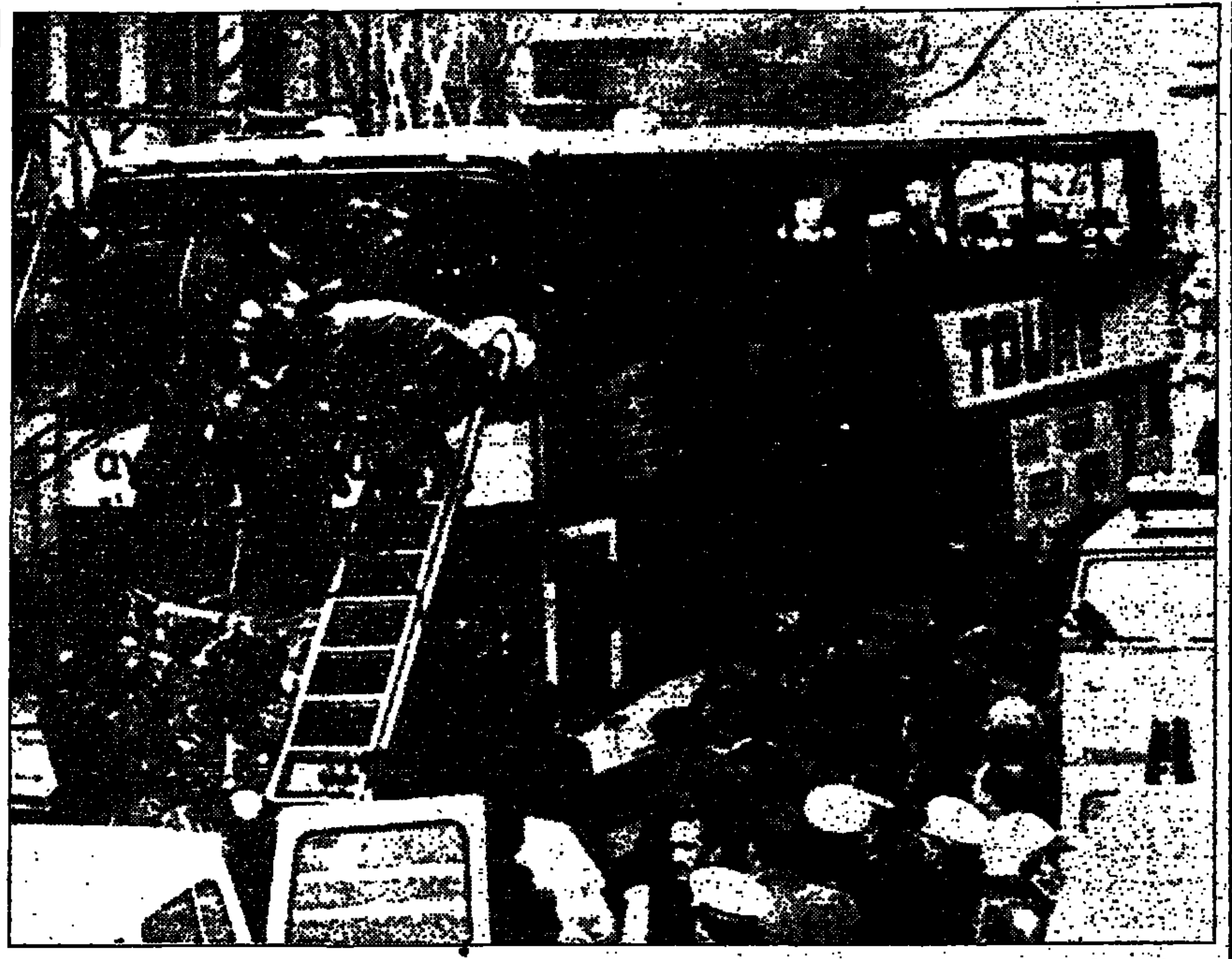

Blaze aftermath: rescue workers removing the bodies of Greek tourists from a tour bus that caught fire in Istanbul yesterday, killing at least 36 people. A travel agent who saw the vehicle burst into flames said a man had set fire to it as it was parked outside an hotel. It was just about to leave on a sightseeing tour of the city. At least five of the 36 people killed were children, a police official said. Ana Gotsis, the manager of Ageloa Tours, which organised the Easter trip, said: "A Turkish man got on the bus, poured petrol on the seats and set it on fire." She said he had been taken to hospital with burns. Several other people wounded in the fire were also taken to three hospitals in the city. Many bodies were badly charred and hard to identify. Turkish police said they were not ruling out the possibility of sabotage but they denied that they had detained two suspects.

French air collision kills 10 servicemen

Paris — Ten French servicemen died when a helicopter collided with a Mirage 2000 jet during manoeuvres near Clermont-Ferrand (Philip Jacobson writes). Eight of those killed were on board the navy Lynx helicopter, and the pilot and navigator of the strike aircraft died. An enquiry has been set up into the cause of the crash, which reportedly occurred in good visibility.

Sharia bill

Islamabad — Mian Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistan prime minister, will introduce an Islamic Sharia Bill in parliament which will lead to the drafting of changes in the country's judicial, economic, educational and administrative systems, bringing them into line with traditional Islamic law.

Afghan shuffle

Islamabad — The Afghan government has dismissed Sultan Ali Kishtmand, a senior vice-president, the official Bakhtar news agency reported. He was replaced by Abdul Wahid Sarobi, a junior vice-president. The dismissal had been unanimously approved by a joint session of both houses of parliament in Kabul. *(Reuter)*

Charity show

Jakarta — About 300,000 beggars have poured into the Indonesian capital for Eid al-Fitr, the end of the Muslim fast of Ramadan, normally a time of giving alms to the poor. *(Reuter)*

Manila unrest

Manila — Suspected army rebels bombed three banks and an electricity sub-station in Manila, trying to destabilise President Aquino's government. In an unrelated development, at least 13 people were killed when troops fought communist guerrillas in North Cotabatao. *(Reuter)*

Prison battle

Dhaka — Four prisoners died and at least 55 others were injured when Bangladeshi security forces fired on a breakout from Dhaka central jail. Paramilitary border guards quelled a rebellion by more than 1,000 inmates. More than 30 fled, firing pipe-guns and blasting crackers.

Marcos trial

Los Angeles — A federal judge, Mariana Pfaelzer, set May 5, 1992, as the trial date for a Philippines government civil suit against Imelda Marcos and the estate of her late husband, Ferdinand, alleging that they looted billions of dollars. *(Reuter)*

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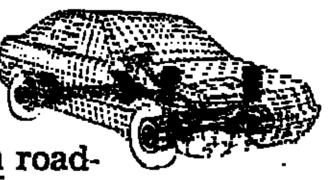

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urd stonewalls on 'eking talks over ong Kong airport

om JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG AND CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

Hurd, the foreign aid yesterday that eking over Hong billion airport n project had not n agreement, but the visit had been handed control of y's economy to

r officials of Mr gation remained in he hope of obtain- "acquiescence" on Mr Hurd passed ong Kong without what differences o be ironed out or veil of secrecy g the talks.

g several times that stonewalling", Mr many local critics that Britain might g towards a secret China that could Hong Kong's in- lemories are still itain's secret agree- China restricting opment of demo- ong Kong after Mr sit to the territory His promises that ld be consulted, but Hong Kong govern- the right to decide e airport should be d, were being con- esterday with his that "in practice" acquiescence was

In a further blow to confidence in Britain's handling of the talks, Mr Hurd also refused to confirm that the full details of any possible agreement in Peking would automatically be released in Hong Kong, arguing it was up to the governor, Sir David Wilson.

Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, said yesterday that Peking and Britain were still at odds over how much money would be left in Hong Kong's financial reserves when the colony is handed back to Peking in 1997.

"There is a question concerning the amount of financial reserves the Hong Kong government will leave for the Special Administrative Region in 1997", Mr Li said. "This is indeed one of our concerns." He said China was not acting out of self-interest, but in order that there should be a smooth transfer of power in 1997. He said he believed that Britain and China could reach agreement, but would not say when.

Mr Li's remarks were the first official confirmation of where exactly disagreements lie. He repeated his demands that plans for the airport be scaled down so that investment is minimal, cost-efficiency high, and the people of Hong Kong are not burdened with heavy taxes.

The foreign secretary brushed aside as "silly" suggestions that his visit had brought China back into the international fold without gaining anything in return for Hong Kong. "China has never been out of the international fold," he said. He described as "light-headed nonsense" suggestions in London and Hong Kong that merely talking to China was "a form of surrender", arguing that continued discussions with Peking were vital to a smooth transition to Chinese rule.

Earlier yesterday, Mr Hurd visited a newly opened Vietnamese boat people camp on the remote island of Tai A Chau. After chatting to adults and children in the camp, he said that Britain was not planning immediate mandatory repatriation of planeloads of Vietnamese. However, the government was working towards an international agreement that they should go back, which would have the backing of Vietnam and the United States.

Cross-party consultations: Yang Chi-hsiung, left, of the governing Taiwanese Nationalist party, left, throws a punch at Su Pei-yuan of the opposition Democratic Progressive party, who is being restrained by other politicians in a brawl during a budget debate yesterday in the Taipei national assembly.

Nationalist deputies, greatly in the majority, eventually managed to regain control in the assembly and in the legislature chamber, where there was also fighting, aided by security guards. *(Reuter)*

More sex assaults alleged at Mandela trial

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

ADDITIONAL allegations of sexual misconduct at a Methodist church manse were made yesterday when the defence began to put its case in the Rand Supreme Court trial of Winnie Mandela and two other people on kidnapping and assault charges.

When the trial resumed after a two-week recess, John Morgan, aged 61, declared his intention not to testify in his own defence. He is accused of driving a minibus in which four youths were abducted from the manse and taken to Mrs Mandela's home in Soweto in December 1988. The resumption of the trial was postponed on Monday after Mr Justice M.S. Stegmann was told that Mr Morgan was ill.

His place in the witness box was taken by the third accused, Xoliswa Felati, aged 36, who told Mrs Mandela of alleged homosexual activity at the manse involving the Rev Paul Verryn and young homeless boys sent there in a rehabilitation programme initiated by the South African Council of Churches.

She said that Stompie Mokhetsi Seipei, aged 14, later murdered by Jerry Richardson, the leader of Mrs Mandela's former bodyguard, was sexually harassed by other boys. She told the court that she tried to comfort him after he complained that three boys had stroked his thighs and buttocks while they were in bed together. He threatened to sleep with a knife to keep them away, she said.

The prosecution claims that Stompie and three others were taken from the manse to Mrs Mandela's home where she hummed and sang as she allegedly took part in assaulting them.

lefends mass killing

From OUR CORRESPONDENT IN PEKING

the Chinese prime yesterday gave a nat the army might nto Peking again to re large-scale dem- s. His words ended n that the govern- nt be having second bout the 1989 mass Tiananmen Square, hundreds, perhaps , of pro-democracy dead.

lressed in a Western ed at ease during a nference until a asked him to guar- force would not be to crush peaceful demonstrations. After a long silence, he instead defended the military action of June 4, 1989. He said the government would have fallen if the army had not been called in.

There was another awkward moment when Mr Li was asked about a poem printed in an overseas edition of the *People's Daily*. When read on the diagonal, it carried a hidden message, "Li Peng should step down in order to assuage the people's anger". Mr Li shrugged it off as a "minor incident". An investigation into the poem's publication is continuing.

orbachev gives pan a bad case protocol jitters

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

anese, who are al- lers for protocol, are pot of bother decid- entertain the most Soviet guests to visit try. President Gorb- his wife, Raisa, will Tokyo on Tuesday day trip, the first to Kremlin leader.

ill attend a state the Imperial Palace rst evening, hosted or Akihito and Em- hiko and with 150 present. The num- ests is significant, ecisely with the size nquet given for the en she visited Japan

anisers are appar- g careful to avoid ng an affair. It has led that the Soviet need not wear din- but the Japanese will be turned out e choice of music to y the meal has also blems. Palace exec- d planned, some ethnic Soviet folk t they have now is might be tactless the recent unrest in Union. They are lering some rousing Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov instead.

A special telephone link to Moscow will be installed in the palace for the evening, so that the Soviet president can be kept informed of any developments at home.

Mrs Gorbachev's itinerary is also causing concern. While she reportedly requested a meeting with Akira Kurosawa, the 80-year-old doyen of the Japanese film world, who is renowned internationally for *The Seven Samurai* and *Kagemusha*, the meeting has been cancelled, apparently because of the director's poor health.

A meeting with Takako Doi, the leader of Japan's opposition socialist party, has also been cancelled. Observers are speculating that she may no longer be leader of the socialist party by the time Mrs Gorbachev arrives, as a result of the party's disastrous performance in the recent local elections.

While her husband discusses world politics with Toshiki Kaifu, the prime minister, Mrs Gorbachev will be immersed in traditional Japanese culture. She is expected to attend an *ikebana* (flower-arranging class) and a performance of *kabuki*, the highly stylised 17th-century drama that most Japanese cannot follow without the aid of modern language interpretation. She may kneel through an hour-long rendition of the traditional Japanese tea ceremony, and then tour Tokyo's central fish market.

The Soviet first couple will travel in a 5.7-tonne, bombproof limousine and police security will be on full alert. Japanese police officers have reportedly been warned that an unknown number of KGB agents understand Japanese. The Japanese police have been told, according to one news agency, to whisper if they say something "secret or critical of the Soviet Union".

● **Islands demand:** The Diet passed a resolution yesterday demanding the early return of four Soviet-held islands off Hokkaido. The Japanese parliament urged the government to make its best efforts to win back the islands, which are known in Japan as the Northern Territories. *(AFP)*

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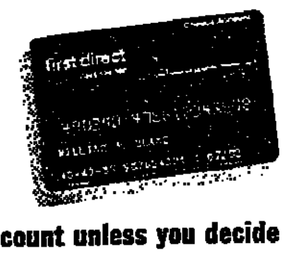

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Mixed reception for Baker peace mission in Israel

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, embarks on the second leg of his Middle East peace mission today after his proposal for a regional conference was greeted yesterday with mixed reactions by Israeli leaders and Palestinian representatives.

Mr Baker received an enthusiastic welcome from David Levy, the foreign minister, who said that after 90 minutes of talks they had reached understandings that might provide the "cornerstone" of a new peace process in the region.

However, Mr Baker appeared to cut short his Israeli counterpart's upbeat evaluation of their meeting and interjected that nothing concrete had been decided. "I agree that we have had a productive and very constructive meeting this morning and I don't wish to diminish that in any way by saying that there is a long, long way to go ... so I hope that there is no rush to judgment here," he said. Mr Baker kept details of his various meetings confidential. The proposals envisage a conference attended by the key Arab states, a Palestinian representative and Israel, to agree on a solution to the Palestinian question and to negotiate a peace agreement between Israel and its Arab neighbours, guaranteed by the superpowers.

However, as the six-man Palestinian delegation which met Mr Baker for two hours yesterday made clear, the Palestinians are concerned that their interests could be compromised in the interests of a broader peace settlement.

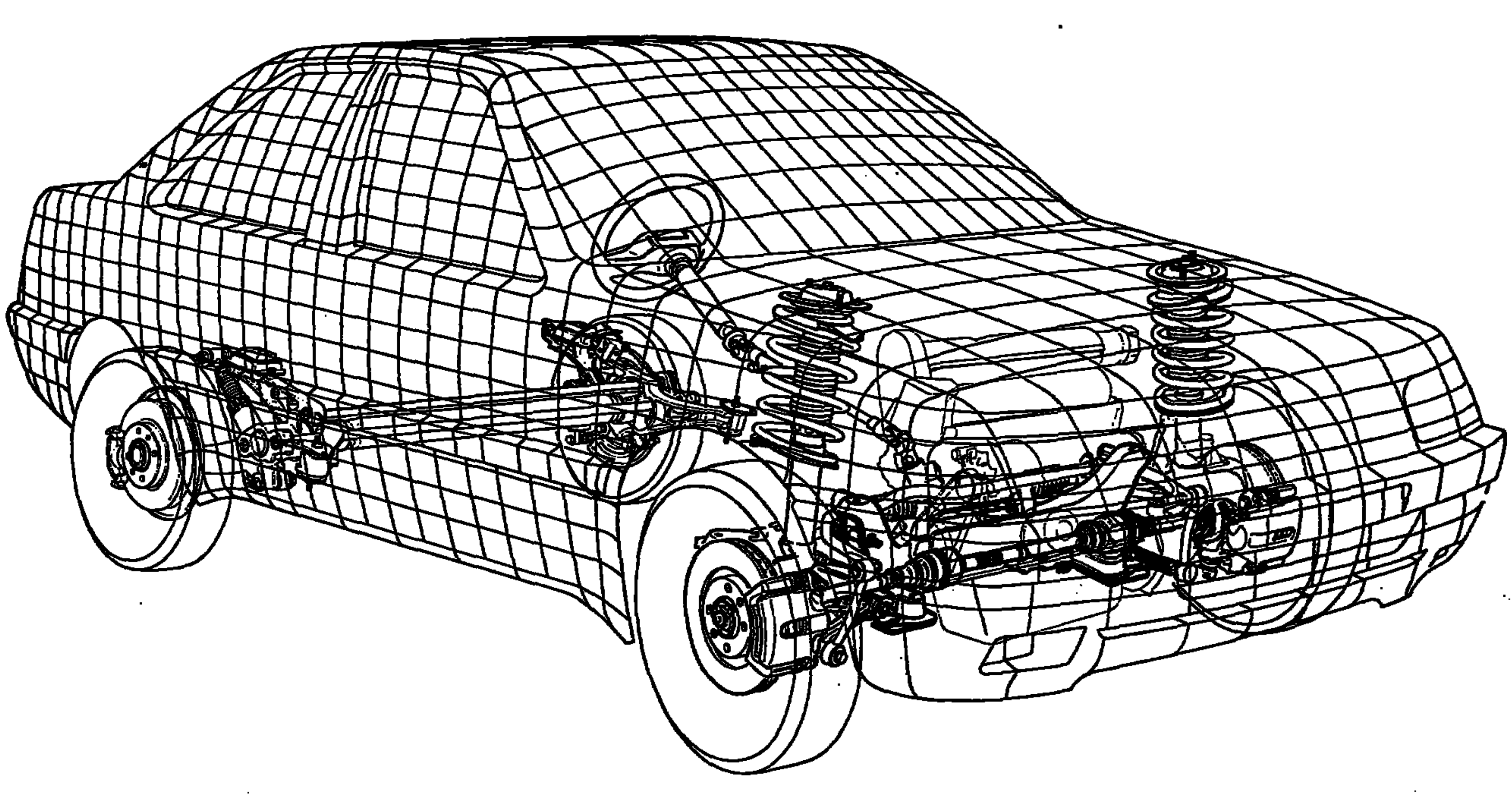
Faisal al-Husseini, the delegation leader, said: "The envisaged peace process is fraught with further perils if the 'twin track' approach, as articulated by US officials, becomes one of misplaced priorities and asynchrony."

The Israeli leaders who met Mr Baker, including Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, Moshe Arens, the defence minister and Mr Levy, raised concerns that once negotiations begin Israel may find itself forced into an agreement to relinquish land for peace, a concept opposed by the right-wing government which favours direct and individual talks with each Arab country.

Mr Shamir, in particular, is acutely aware of the dangers he faces from right-wing members of his own party if he proceeds further on the road to a compromise with the Arabs. He came under attack yesterday from several leading Likud figures for his offer to release more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners and detainees, and his promise to improve economic and social conditions in the occupied territories, particularly the Gaza Strip. Ariel Sharon, the housing minister and one of the most vocal opponents of any concessions, denounced the suggestion of dialogue with the Palestinians.

However, in the turbulent world of Middle Eastern diplomacy, Mr Baker can be thankful his initiative remains largely intact.

Blow for freedom: Jews, originally from Kurdistan, demonstrating their support for the plight of the Kurds outside the office of Yitzhak Shamir, the I prime minister, in Jerusalem yesterday. The protest was timed to coincide with the visit by James Baker, the American Secretary of State



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West's 'doubl standards' rou Arab suspicioı

By DAVID WATTS

MUCH of the Arab world sees the plan to establish a safe haven for the Kurds as either a sinister scheme to dismember an "Arab superpower" or an aspirin to treat appendicitis.

The immediate human problem is obvious, and many Arab spokesmen see the need for a solution. But the Anglo-American scheme for intervention on behalf of the Kurdish minority stirs too many memories for comfort.

Furthermore, as with so many such Western concerns in the Middle East, those Arabs willing even to talk about it point out that Western interest tends to be selective. "The Arabs feel there are double standards, as the Israelis have been killing the Palestinians step by step. There are lots of United Nations resolutions to protect the Palestinians and nothing has happened," Dr Omar al-Hassan, director of the Gulf Centre for Strategic Studies, said.

The haven approach was definitely not acceptable, he added, but neither was President Saddam Hussein's treatment of the Kurds. What was now becoming a possibility was the dismemberment of Iraq and its destruction as an Arab superpower.

"Its very clear that they [the West] want to destroy the power of Iraq and now they have succeeded. The West doesn't want to see a Shia regime in power. They don't want to replace the devil with the devil so its better to keep Saddam for the After a while he replaced by a general."

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From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BUSH administration officials said yesterday that America was ready to support John Major's idea for some sort of UN-protected haven for Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq but wanted others to take the lead in promoting it.

Washington acknowledges the gravity of the refugee problem but does not want to take a prominent role in proposing solutions that would interfere with Iraq's internal affairs, might necessitate the use of force, and could lead, at least temporarily, to the fragmentation of Iraq that the administration has sought to avoid.

"If the UN or someone else establishes that a haven is necessary, there's not quite the same stigma attached," one official said. Another said that the administration wanted an international solution.

The administration's public comments on the haven idea have been very guarded. President Bush said on Sunday that the enormity of the refugee problem meant it had become a matter for the UN. He failed, however, to specify what action he thought the organisation should take.

Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, said the idea would have to go through the security council. Thomas Pickering, the US ambassador to the UN, said it was one that "matches our hopes".

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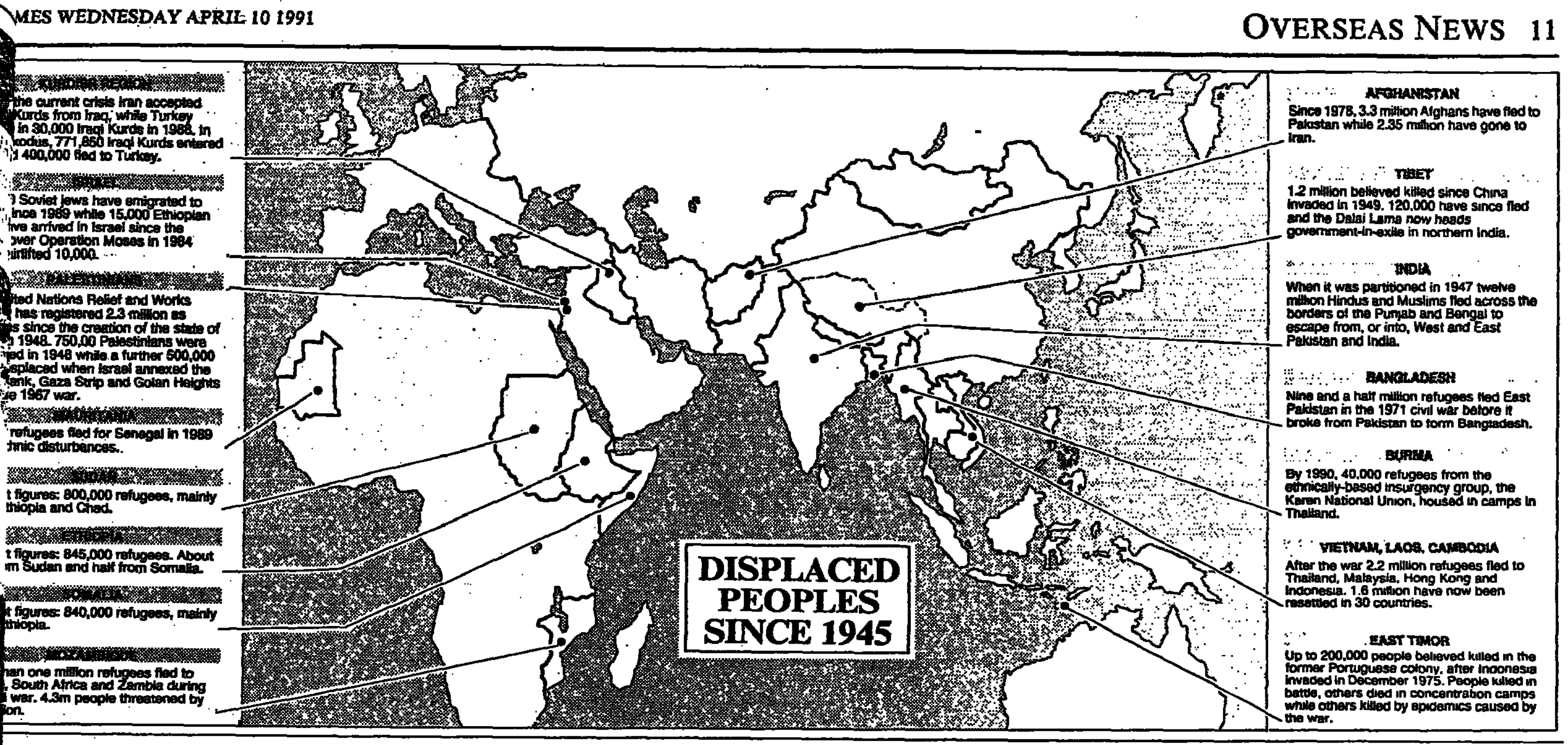
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INDIA
When it was partitioned in 1947 twelve million Hindus and Muslims fled across the borders of the Punjab and Bengal to escape from, or into, West and East Pakistan and India.
BANGLADESH
Nine and a half million refugees fled East Pakistan in the 1971 civil war before it broke from Pakistan to form Bangladesh.
BURMA
By 1990, 40,000 refugees from the ethnically-based insurgency group, the Karen National Union, housed in camps in Thailand.
VIETNAM, LAOS, CAMBODIA
After the war 2.2 million refugees fled to Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Indonesia. 1.6 million have now been resettled in 30 countries.
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Pérez de Cuéllar names his envoy to see Kurds' plight

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations secretary-general named a Belgian official yesterday as his special envoy to investigate the plight of the Kurds, and said he hoped Iraq would allow UN assistance. British diplomats are pinning their hopes of establishing a sanctuary for the Kurds on the envoy's mission.

A UN spokesman announced that Eric Suy, an adviser to the Belgian foreign ministry who once headed the UN office in Geneva, would leave Brussels today, stop in Geneva and then travel to Iraq. The spokesman did not say how he would enter Iraq, but insisted that he would do so with Baghdad's permission.

Iraq has said it is ready to accept the UN fact-finding team, as called for in last week's security council resolution on the Kurds, although it rejects the creation of a UN buffer zone to protect the Kurdish population.

While expressing concern that Iraq had ruled out the zone, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the secretary-general, said he still hoped Iraq would let the UN help the Kurds in the north and the Shias in the south. "I think that in the end the Iraqis will understand that it is even in their interest to have these people protected," he said. Mr Suy was the third person approached by the secretary-general.

British diplomats continued lobbying other security council members yesterday to support John Major's proposal for a UN sanctuary for the Kurds. Sir David Hannay called on the secretary-general to press the prime minister's plan. The British delegation hopes that the envoy will win Baghdad's agreement for a UN civilian project to help the Kurds.

Iraq protested to the UN yesterday about the British and American airlift of supplies to fleeing Kurds in the north of the country. In a letter to the president of the security council, Ahmad Hussein al-Khodair, the Iraqi foreign minister, denounced what he described as a "shameful violation of the principles of international law".

The airlift "constitutes direct interference in the internal affairs of Iraq, inasmuch as this is not taking place through the Iraqi authorities and the Iraqi Red Crescent Society," he wrote. "The entire operation reveals and confirms the ill will of the United States and the United Kingdom towards Iraq and further corroborates the propagandistic aims of the operation.

"If the offer of aid genuinely stemmed from good intentions and humanitarian goals, it would have been possible to deliver the alleged relief supplies to Iraq directly or through Jordan or Turkey, rather than by violating Iraq's sovereignty."

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Europe basks in glow of enclave initiative

From GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

AS A high-level European delegation flies to Washington *today, the European Community* is digesting the implications of John Major's initiative to create safe havens for the Kurds of Iraq.

The political and military problems of making the proposal a reality will be fought out at the United Nations in New York. But most of Britain's European partners also saw significance in Mr Major choosing to launch his idea at a European summit. Both Mr Major and his spokesmen were *careful to point out that* the creation of a United Nations enclave in Iraq had not been discussed beforehand with the Americans – although it was an expansion of suggestions floated last weekend both by Washington and by President Ozal of Turkey.

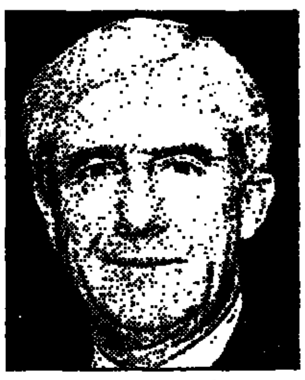
"This was not pre-cooked at all with the Americans," said one British official. President Mitterrand's spokesman said that France – which had been *actively consulted beforehand* – appreciated Mr Major presenting his plan to Europeans. President Mitterrand himself said afterwards that the decisions on humanitarian aid and on supporting safe *havens for the Kurds* were a "major advance for the political dimension of the community".

The defence and foreign policy dimension of the community – confined so far to the drawing board – will be the main topic when Jacques Delors, the commission president, and Jacques Santer, the current council president, meet American officials, including President Bush, in Washington tomorrow.

The American administration is opposed to any *weakening of its influence in* Nato which might be caused by the creation of a European army, but Washington has always supported European integration.

Whether or not Monday's *summit* took the EC any further, it was definitely an advance for Mr Major's marketing campaign for Britain in the community. He sprung a genuine surprise, carried his presentation off in a thoroughly *communautaire* fashion and dictated the day's agenda. One of the beauties of the prime minister's "four-point plan" as a "European" initiative is that it is essentially an action plan for the UN, *where the tricky problems* of implementation have to be tackled.

United front: Yassir Arafat, right, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, shaking hands with Muammar Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, during talks in *Tripoli. Mr Arafat told* the BBC in an interview yesterday that the PLO was ready to talk to "our enemy, the Israeli government, under the United Nations flag"



Poos: Iraqi attacks on Kurds "intolerable"

Poos urges overthrow

Luxembourg – President Saddam Hussein must be overthrown if Iraq's army is to be stopped from slaughtering the Kurdish population, Jacques Poos, the *Luxembourg foreign* minister, said yesterday.

"These attacks are intolerable … we need a new UN resolution to empower the allied forces to do something against it," he said in a television interview. "The right solution is the overthrow [of Saddam] in Iraq which *makes it possible for these* people to return to their cities and villages."

The 12 leaders of the European Community, of which Mr Poos is president, said on Monday that Iraq would be an international pariah as long as Saddam was president. They backed a British plan to create a sanctuary *for* the Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq controlled by the UN. *(Reuter)*

Baghdad rejects Major proposal for safety zone

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ yesterday rejected John Major's proposal to set up a United Nations sanctuary for *Kurdish refugees in the north* of the country and vowed to resist it by all means, hinting at the the use of force if necessary.

Sadoun Hammadi, the Iraqi prime minister, described the idea of a safe zone as a "suspicious proposal" and accused the West of exaggerating *the scale of the refugee prob*lem. "It is another circle of plots against Iraq and its sovereignty," he told the Iraqi news agency.

The veiled threat raised the possibility of renewed fighting between *allied* and Iraqi forces and underscored Britain's insistence that any United *Nations presence* in northern Iraq will have to be equipped and prepared to use force.

Mr Hammadi lashed out at Iran and Turkey, warning them against interference in another country's internal af*fairs* – a "*double-edged* sword". He accused both countries of taking in Iraqi refugees for opportunist and propaganda purposes.

Massoud Barzani, the veteran Kurdish guerrilla leader, welcomed *Mr Major's* plan. "It's a very advanced suggestion, a big humanitarian and political step forward," he told reporters at a base in northern Iraq. He urged the international community to implement it as soon as possible. The United States and the European Community have endorsed the plan and the permanent members of the security council were meeting to discuss it last night.

But in an interview with ITN in Baghdad, Mr Hammadi said *the safe-haven* plan was part of a plot by the American Central Intelligence Agency masquerading under the cover of humanitarian action. "This whole thing is engineered, conducted by the CIA. *It looks human but there* are political, diplomatic purposes and objectives behind it," he said.

He insisted Iraq had already taken steps to solve the refugee problem. Many had accepted Baghdad's offer last week of an amnesty and the authorities were transporting *them back to their homes, he* said. Iraq had "established security and the authority of law throughout the country including the north". Kurdish rebels say government forces are still attacking defenceless convoys of refugees as part of a deliberate campaign to rid Iraq of its Kurdish population.

Taking the middle ground for peace

The UN has dispatched peacekeeping forces since 1948. **James Bone** in New York chronicles their deployment

UNITED Nations forces have been embroiled in a variety of wars *and communal conflicts* around the world, but the organisation has never yet sent military personnel to establish a safe haven in a country's territory. Often, as in Cyprus or Lebanon, it is difficult to say that such involvement does not amount to interference in a country's internal affairs.

The UN Charter allows such intervention only when it is necessary as part of enforcement action to maintain international peace. Past military operations, excluding the UN-approved wars in Korea in 1950 and in the Gulf this year, have been:

1948 to date: UN Truce Supervision Organisation (Untso). Created to supervise the truce after the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, *Untso has changed* with the times, but about 300 observers remain in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria.

1949 to date: UN military observer group in India and Pakistan. Observers helped monitor the ceasefire line in Kashmir agreed between In*dia and Pakistan in 1949.*

1956-67: UN emergency force. After Britain and France intervened in Suez, Canada proposed deployment *of* a peacekeeping force to facilitate their withdrawal.

1958: UN observers in Lebanon, which plunged into civil war when President Chamoun, a Maronite Christian, announced he would amend the constitution to serve another term. Observers were sent to ensure that Syria did not infiltrate arms and personnel into Lebanon to support the rebellion.

1960-4: The Congo: the largest, most controversial peacekeeping operation in UN history. About 20,000 personnel were involved in the turmoil of a mutiny soon after the Congo became independent from Belgium. Dag Ham*marskjold, the then secretary*-general, died in a plane crash on a mission to the country.

1962-3: Temporary executive authority and security force in West New Guinea. The UN took over Irian Jaya, claimed *both by Indonesia and The* Netherlands, when it became independent from Dutch rule. The territory was then transferred to Indonesia.

1963-4: Yemen observation mission. At the initiative of U *Thant*, the then secretary-general, observers were sent to prevent interference by Saudi Arabia and Egpyt in the Yemeni civil war.

1964 to date: Peacekeeping force in Cyprus. A force was *sent after fighting between* Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriot minority, and remained there to monitor the "green line" separating the communities after Turkey invaded the northern half of the island in 1974.

1965-66: Representative of the secretary-general in the *Dominican Republic.* The security council appointed a special envoy to report on the civil war on the Caribbean island between two groups of army officers. The envoy helped arrange a ceasefire.

1965-6: India-Pakistan observation mission. Observers were sent to the India-Pakistan border to supplement team in Kashmir, to supervise the ceasefire after fighting *between the two countries.*

1973-9: Second UN emergency force. Proposed by the non-aligned nations to oversee the ceasefire on the Egyptian front at the end of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

1974 to date: UN disengagement observer force. A 1,250-strong force was sent to monitor the disengagement of forces on the Syrian front at the end of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, and *still supervises* the Golan Heights buffer zone.

1978 to date: UN interim force in Lebanon. A force was sent to southern Lebanon after Israel invaded in response to a *Palestine Liberation Organis*ation commando raid. The 6,000-strong force remained in place after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

1988-90: UN good office mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan. *A team in Afghanistan* and Pakistan monitored compliance with the Geneva accords calling for a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

1988 to date: UN Iran-Iraq military observer group. Observers monitored the ceasefire ending the Iran-Iraq war until a settlement is agreed.

1989 to date: Angola verification mission. A team was ordered to verify the redeployment and eventual withdrawal *of Cuban forces in Angola* as part of a deal allowing Namibia to gain independence.

1989-90: Transition assistance group in Namibia. Peacekeepers monitored elections leading to independence from South Africa.

1989 to date: Observer group in Central America. The UN *agreed to assist the five Cen*tral American nations to halt cross-border aid to insurgent movements, and helped in the voluntary demobilisation of Nicaragua's contras.

1991: UN Iraq-Kuwait observer mission. A force of 1,440 will establish a nine-mile buffer zone spanning the *Iraq-Kuwait* border, *so that* allied forces can withdraw from southern Iraq.

Operations are expected soon in Cambodia to administer the country pending free elections after Vietnam's withdrawal; in Western Sahara to supervise polls on whether it will become independent from *Morocco; and in El Sal*vador to monitor rights. A mission may also go to help end the Angolan civil war.

UN resolution opens way for military action

International law provides the basis for armed intervention in Iraq by individual states to save the Kurds from genocide should the UN fail to do so, Marc Weller argues

United Nations Security il determined last Friday ircumstances prevailing in hreaten international peace curity. This finding, made in tion 688, empowers the il to intervene *in* matters ially within the domestic ction of that state.

UN has had to achieve this in a roundabout way. The il explicitly condemned the sion *of the Iraqi* civilian ation, including the Kurdish

However, it is not this sion in itself which con- s the threat to international and security, but rather the ng flow of refugees into ouring states. Such dip- c sophistry was necessary to setting a precedent of general ation to which some members might object, but it does not diminish the right of action of the UN in this instance.

The council has not only demanded an immediate cessation of the repression of Kurds, it has also insisted that access be granted to humanitarian organisations. If international agencies are to operate within Iraq, they may well require protection from the vicissitudes *of civil unrest. This could* be achieved by establishing zones of humanitarian assistance under UN authority.

As the aim of the operation is to stem the tide of refugees, it would not necessarily suffice to establish a sanctuary at the end of their trek, along Iraq's northern border with Turkey. Kurdish population centres might be placed under protection, too. However, these would not be *enclaves*. Iraq would continue to be sovereign. It would only be required to limit the exercise of *its executive* authority in those areas to permit implementation of the international aid effort upon which the UN has insisted in a *binding resolution*. Baghdad has now asserted that its campaign against the Kurds has ended, and it has offered them a safe return. It is unlikely that such a return could be effected without the establishment of sanctuaries, or at least the presence of UN observers.

In order to force the Iraqi government to co-operate, the council can threaten the renewed imposition of sanctions, despite ceasefire resolution 687 which has been accepted by Iraq and which provides for a gradual lifting of the economic embargo. And if there is enough political will, then military force could be employed by the UN, unlikely though that is.

If the council fails to take further action, then individual states may step in. The members of the European Community have decided to keep economic sanctions. Although the mandate of the international coalition to restore international peace and security to the area has expired with the acceptance of the ceasefire resolution, forcible measures might not be excluded.

Arguably, resolution 688 gives states the right to ensure the implementation *of the humanitar*ian aid programme by military means. And if there are circumstances of imminent and overwhelming necessity, then international law provides the basis for military action to save the Kurds from genocide.

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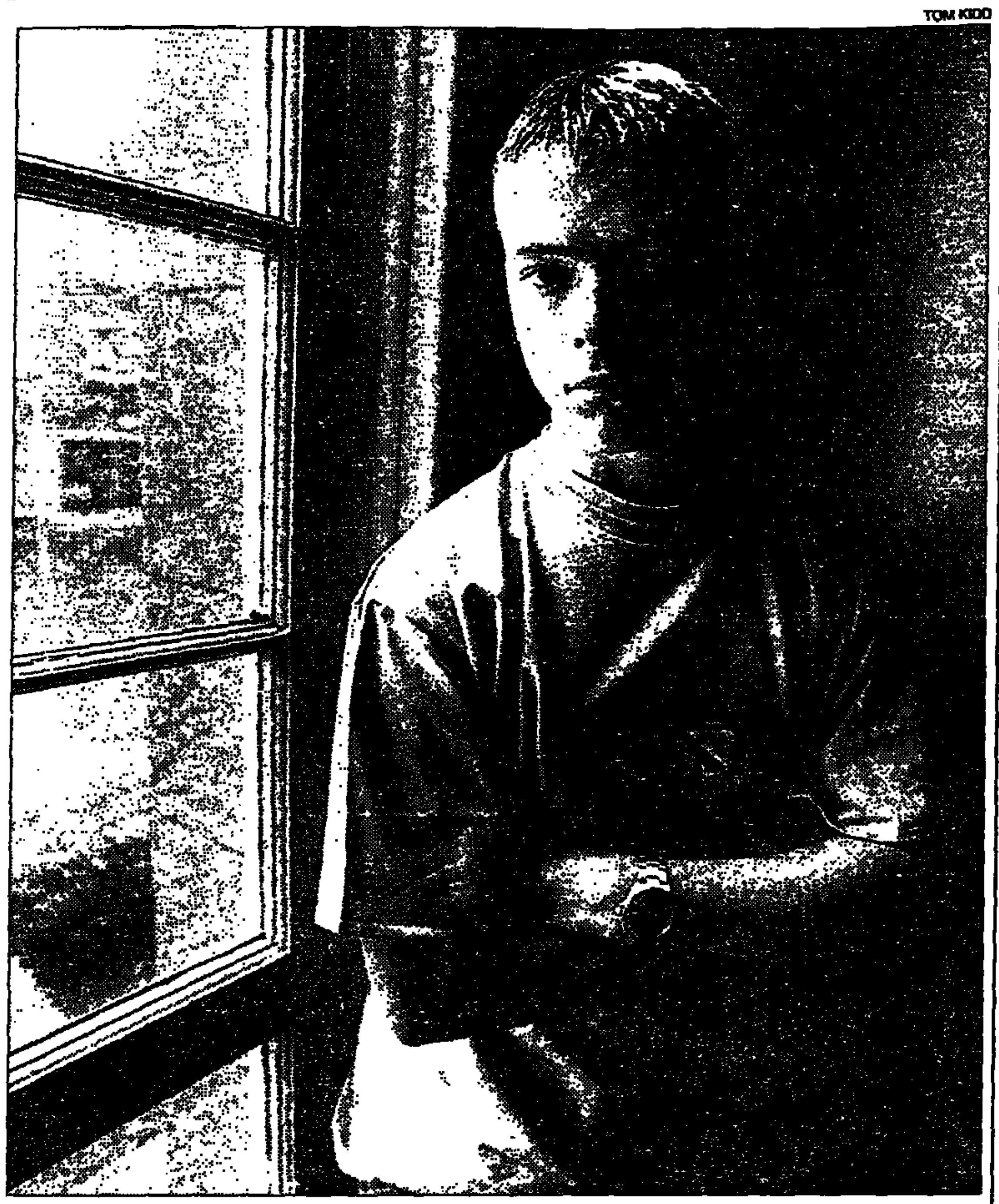
Growing up on the front line

Vincent Stott, at 17 the youngest British soldier in the Gulf, has come home. What is his legacy of war? Joan Simpson reports


TOM KIDD

Back at home: Vincent Stott feels more comfortable with army friends who have shared his experiences

Fear, a 17-year-old soldier reflects, is "something I have looked at, and nothing much will ever worry me again". Private Vincent Stott is home from the war. Vivid in his memory, in the place where teenage lads on civvy street might relish a match-winning goal or a cricket triumph, is the din of battle and the images of destruction and death on the front line of the Gulf war.

Pte Stott is a reluctant witness in recalling the events which have hastened his maturity. He shrugs off the fame that was thrust upon him by dint of his being the youngest British soldier at the front line in the Gulf: "It's just my job. I was only doing what I'm trained for."

Vincent Stott in the Gulf

He endured rather than enjoyed the attention that followed the appearance throughout the national press of his photograph — his youthful face set firm beneath a seemingly too-large helmet — an image which fuelled protests demanding that such very young men should be removed from the front line.

The argument ran that, because soldiers under the age of 18 are not allowed to serve in Northern Ireland, they should not be sent to a war by politicians whom they are not old enough to vote in or out of office. The age limit for Ireland is deemed necessary because of the more complicated decisions which may face young soldiers as they patrol the streets around people's homes, facing an unseen enemy.

Pte Stott stonily dismisses the arguments of those who thought to shield him from the desert war. His father, Tom, a former member of the Royal Scots in which his son now serves, proudly backs him up. "Should I worry more about my son when he is 17 than when he is 18?"

Pte Stott was one of a handful of 17-year-olds serving in the First Battalion, the Royal Scots. These Jocks — as Scottish soldiers are known — were tagged by a headline writer as the "Young Lions". Now, back home with their families in Edinburgh, they all say that going to war is simply what they were trained for, what they are paid for and what they expect to have to do.

"People should have been worrying about the married guys, the ones with kids," Pte Stott says.

Gordon Quate and Steven Morris have both turned 18 since the end of the war but were aware, via their worried mothers' letters, of the fears for them. "We were trained the same as anybody else," Pte Quate says. Had they been asked, and the Young Lions are unanimous on this, they would not have wished anyone to fight their battles for them, nor to take them out of the front line.

Their commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Iain Johnstone, says: "They grew to such stature and reached such dizzy heights. As far as I am concerned if they are good enough to be a Royal Scot they were good enough to go to the Gulf. None of them acted like little boys, they had done all their training, they were fit, motivated and very professional and carried out their job as I would expect any Royal Scot to do. Their age did not worry me in the slightest, I had no qualms."

The young soldiers were scarcely out of their training at the end of last year when rumours of a Gulf deployment circulating at their barracks in Werl, near Dusseldorf, in Germany, were confirmed at a muster on the parade ground. "I was hoping it was true," Pte Stott says. "When we were told definitely I think everyone was excited, really looking forward to it.

"We were prepared for heavy casualties but you tried not to think about it, your mates and all that. Sometimes you thought about yourself and what might happen and got a bit depressed but most of the time you were too busy."

When orders came for the ground attack — "yes, at the time it was very frightening. It was pitch black most of the time and there was a sort of mist in the sky and when it rained it was pure blackness, then suddenly the sky would go completely orange.

"But guys don't talk about fear, everybody was frightened, you know what the other guys are thinking but you just bottle it up. There's a lot of tension, pent-up aggression among everybody, sometimes we would be fighting among ourselves, quarrelling about stupid things, but you know these guys are going to be your mates for life."

During the ground war the Royal Scots were in the thick of the action, cutting a 250-kilometre swathe through Iraq and Kuwait and taking part in ten major assaults.

They took prisoners as they went and it is ironic that what shocked Pte Quate was that "some of the Iraqis were really quite old — three of the ones we took were over 50, they were ragged and had only some crusts of bread. But you could not feel sorry for them, they were still the enemy."

The tremendous noise of battle — artillery shells exploding around, the ground shuddering under the constant barrage, the skies cracking with the aerial bombardment — prevented conversation in the back of the Warrior armed personnel carriers, the "wagons" carrying the Royal Scots into the battle lines.

Pte Morris, asked if he had been afraid, unhesitatingly admits: "Oh yes." Maturity wrested from experience brings its own level of honesty.

Pte Morris believes he has grown up. "I feel more mature, more confident. If there is a tour in Northern Ireland, I feel better about that. And I have made friendships in the batallion that will last, definitely."

Pte Morris has not yet "got around to" seeing his old schoolfriends, years behind him now in experience of life. Pte Quate has been out for a drink with old school pals but felt "older than them and I didn't like to talk too much about what I had done".

Pte Stott, too, has stuck with army friends. His father says he has changed, become more grown-up and more cynical. Pte Stott gives a rare, brilliant grin of agreement.

In what way does he feel he has changed? "I have faced the war, learnt as a soldier. Yes, I have learnt to control fear."

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Nanny does n know best

Why some working mothers pre childcare with a less formal fac

Working women who can afford the deluxe answer to childcare — the nanny with a National Nursery Examination Board (NNEB) qualification — appear to have the ideal solution. According to *Maternity Rights: The Experience of Women and Employers, First Findings*, a report by the Policy Studies Institute, most employers still offer few childcare facilities, or none at all — despite the striking increase in the number of women who return to work after having a baby.

But does the training nannies receive equip them to satisfy a modern parent? As more women — and men — become increasingly knowledgeable about pregnancy and childbirth, they perceive themselves to be less helpless on matters of childcare. Their choice of childcare revolves less around formal training than whether they like the person they are employing.

"I regard first aid training as absolutely essential, but otherwise I am interested in her personality and what she does in her spare time, not in any qualifications," says Jill Silver, a management consultant whose ten-month-old son, Max, is cared for by an experienced but untrained New Zealander.

"We find that people now lay most stress on personality," says Issy Blanchard, of the Nanny Service agency in London. "Most people want someone who is easygoing and able to muck in with the family. It doesn't go down very well if, when something gets knocked over, the nanny reaches out for the NNEB regulations on whose responsibility it is to clear it up, instead of getting on with it."

The NNEB diploma course — the MBA of the nanny world — takes two years and covers the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of children from birth to the age of seven. Students spend 40 per cent of their time with children, and the rest at college. As well as a practical assessment, there are two written papers, but no oral examination. "We beli is covered by the pl assessments," says Ja ris-Matthews, the a director of the NNEB.

While most mothe that a professional att exactly what they wan they object to is adherence to a forma ing. "I thought I shou an NNEB nanny if po says Jenny Peters, servant with a nine-mo son, David, "but in rea was so achievemen entated, so keen to house running efficien the baby crawling early felt his emotional nee being overlooked." D now looked after by an enced au pair.

The Policy Studi stitute survey s that many w mothers still depend on members of their fa look after babies whil work, and perhaps this often taken of necessity new ideal.

Nicky Lee, a textile d whose mother gave part-time teaching job after ten-week-old Octa two days a week, says can't pay someone to c same way. There is an i tive love there. My mo perhaps, more over-pro than I might be, but we h fundamental conflicts my daughter's upbringi though it is a lot of work mother it is a second cha look after a baby. I was he child."

"My mother was sent boarding school from a early age and always fe had suffered badly fro says Peggy Prendiville interior designer. Ms P iville's daughter, Isolde, 21 months, is looked twice a week by her g mother, Rosa Branson. thought it would be nice involved," Ms Prendi says. If she disagreed everything it wouldn't w but we both respect the we do things."

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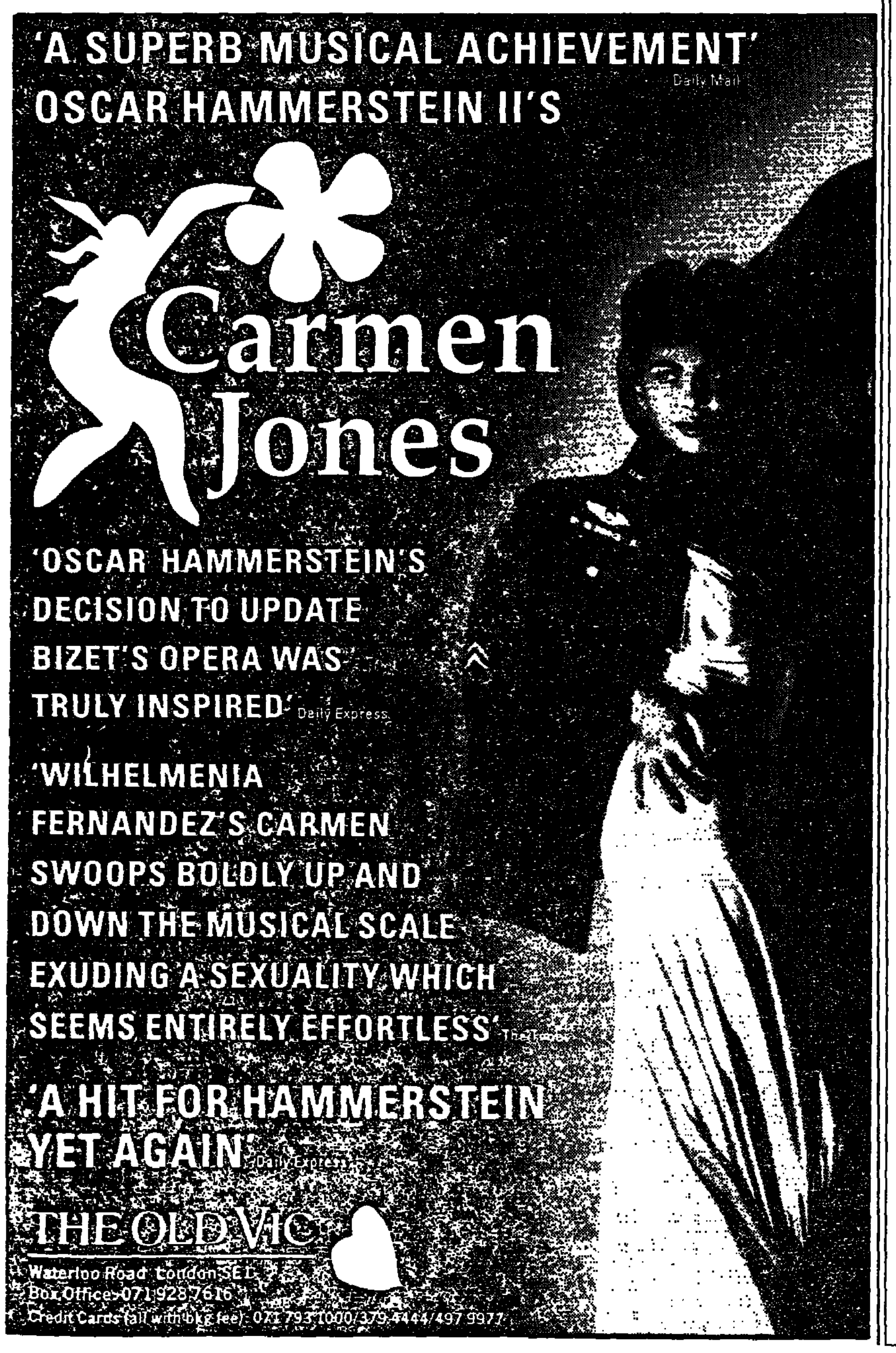
Caring: Rosa Branson, Peggy Prendiville and baby Isol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Stop faking it

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COMIC OPERA

Too little bold and witty are we

Traditional or gimmick-laden, most modern productions of Gilbert and Sullivan underplay their original, savage satirical edge. Benedict Nightingale has a little list of observations

In his own day W.S. Gilbert got up many noses, including the royal one. Was Victoria vaguely aware of some kinship with the Fairy Queen in *Iolanthe*, who is as infatuated with Private Willis as *she* was with Gillie Brown? Probably not. But she could hardly miss such impertinences as the ending of *The Pirates of Penzance*, in which cowardly and inept policemen persuade the villains to lay down their arms by chanting her name at them.

When *The Gondoliers* was played at Windsor, Gilbert's name was omitted from the same programme on which the company wigmaker's was printed in bold type. He had to wait for his knighthood until six years after the Queen's death, a quarter of a century longer than Sullivan.

That did not trouble him, since he regarded the honour as a "tinpot, twopenny-halfpenny distinction", created to slake the vanity of the political sycophants and moneyed oafs he enjoyed parodying. But it was an omen of subtler snubs to come. There are, after all, many ways of stifling a satiric librettist.

One of these ways had been perfected by D'Oyly Carte well before the company's collapse in 1982: that was to institutionalise Gilbert and Sullivan's operas as anodyne entertainments for audiences interested only in nice tunes, clever rhymes and whimsical stories. Another way has never been better illustrated than by the *Gondoliers* that the resuscitated D'Oyly Carte company is presenting at Sadler's Wells: that is to package the operas so gaudily that nobody can see the contents for the wrapping paper.

Joseph Papp and Wilford Leach did little for Gilbert when they transformed *The Pirates* into a splashy Broadway musical a decade ago, but their production was sensitivity itself compared with the vandalism at Sadler's Wells. The original Duke of Plaza-Toro, for instance, is a seedy snob who has become a limited company. He organises knighthoods for dim aldermen, speaks at charity dinners for ten per cent of the take, gives credibility to shady firms by sitting on their boards, and, like many aristocrats in and after the 1890s, has gainfully sold off his daughter. Here, he is transformed into a matador given to gesticulating like a spoof traffic cop. Moreover, he is accompanied by a wife dressed as a bull and a daughter who talks like a shopgirl while singing like a diva. The satiric point disappears in meretricious ado and humourless humour.

We tend to overlook one of the sharpest minds that ever turned a scurrilous line or subversive lyric

That is the evening all over. Silly, meaningless, distracting things are forever happening on Venice's papier-mâché sand dunes. Suddenly a joke rat scampers across, a corgi in a kiddie-car appears behind a futuristic curtain, or someone swivels the aerial over the television the gondoliers are watching, contorting the picture and their heads. Tim Hopkins, who directs, has done something quite difficult. He has found a way of escaping from traditionalism more destructive than traditionalism itself.

The *Iolanthe* that accompanies this attention-getting travesty to Sadler's Wells also aims to sand-blast the mustier accretions off the operatic surface. Like Jonathan Miller's *Mikado*, it updates the period to the Twenties, transforming the fairies into genteel flappers and adding other details that, as it turns out, serve rather than distort the text. Poor Gilbert does not emerge unscathed (when does he ever?) The lyrics need wittier phrasing than an overloud, overfast orchestra and the performers' own limitations permit. But Andrew Wickes, who directs, is not narcissistically determined to upstage his librettist. On the whole, he trusts Gilbert.

That is the real need. We remember Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, but not the tougher, more cynical play that inspired it, Gilbert's *Engaged*. We hum Sullivan, and perhaps know the words of the famous patter song about insomnia; but we tend to overlook one of the sharpest minds that ever turned a scurrilous line or subversive lyric. We hear, but are rarely if ever encouraged to listen.

Consider Gilbert's cast-list, packed as it is with humbugs and drones: the fake-egalitarian landlubber from a pocket borough who becomes Ruler of the Queen's Navy for political conformism; the judge who marries the rich attorney's elderly, ugly daughter, only to ditch her when he has defended enough wealthy thieves to make his fortune; the Lord High Everything who traces his ancestry "to a protoplasmal primordial atomic globule", yet dines with middle-class people "on very reasonable terms"; the bent lawyers, the dopey peers, the sheep-like MPs.

Gilbert was no radical. His biographer, Hesketh Pearson, was probably right to dub him "an anarchist disguised as a Tory". Nor was he any ferocious Juvenal or crusading Swift. Yet there seems more than mere impishness in his unending attacks on nepotism, jobbery and incompetence, his mockery of social, moral and emotional pretension, up to and including the language of love. When the Pirate King says "compared with respectability, our profession is comparatively honest", he is summing up Victorian civilisation for Gilbert.

The acid is most concentrated in the rarely performed *Utopia Ltd*, about a state which imports "flowers of progress" from Britain in the belief it is "the wisest country in the world", one without slums or hunger and run by an intellectual élite. This thesis is then disproved by the usual set of shysters, as well as by a Lord Chamberlain who demonstrates how to organise a Cabinet meeting with "due regard for the solemnity of the occasion". "This is in accordance with the practice of the Court of St James?" asks the puzzled Utopian king. "Well, with the practice of St James Hall," replies the Englishman, who has arranged the chairs after the manner of some burlesque performers of the day, the Christy Minstrels.

No wonder the old Queen and her contemporaries were dismayed. The challenge surely facing a director today is to make us feel slightly stung ourselves; and there is, in my view, only one way of achieving that. It is to cast Eric Idle as Koko, as Miller did in his *Mikado*, or to get Alec McCowen to play Captain Corcoran as a socially insecure surburbanite, as happened in an 1982 *Pinafore*. It is, in short, to take the trickier, subtler parts from the professional singers and give them to good actors who can sing a bit.

That way, Sullivan might not resonate so fulsomely, but Gilbert's irreverence might at last come across with clarity, humour and guile. Indeed, isn't it time the National Theatre gave at least one of the operas a go? If it can cope with Loesser and Sondheim, why not that great British wit, W.S. Gilbert?

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ZOE DOMINIC

Tim Curry in the British production of Joseph Papp and Wilford Leach's "splashy Broadway musical" version of *The Pirates of Penzance*

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Home is where the ears are most happy

Members of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, preparing to move into a new hall, talk to Stephen Pettitt

Testing time: the CBSO in the new Symphony Hall

Final responsibility for moulding the sound of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra to suit the adjustable acoustics of Symphony Hall, its new home, unarguably rests with Simon Rattle. But his players, accustomed to the cramped intimacy and bizarre resonances of the old Town Hall, are the people most profoundly affected by the move. How are they preparing for next Monday's opening concert: their first public scrutiny in the new hall?

"The way we play will change, because you can hear absolutely everything," says Peter Currie, the second horn. "It's enlightening and distressing at the same time, but you don't feel as lonely as you do, say, in the Festival Hall." But Philip Head, who plays in the first violin section, disagrees. "The new hall does actually make a string player feel lonely, perhaps because the acoustics we've been working in so far are set to be as dry as they can be."

The hall has a moveable canopy and reverberation chambers that can be opened or closed — allowing, in theory, great variation in the hall's acoustics. "We don't yet know what sort of difference there really is, whether after adjustment it sounds more bathroom-like," comments Head. Everybody agrees, however, that after a while there will be accepted acoustic settings for music of different periods and scale. So a visiting orchestra, new to the hall, will not have to experiment afresh for itself.

"But even if it stays dry acoustically, it will still be a big plus," says Currie. "In the Town Hall players can't hear a thing. There's a huge rake between us and the back of the strings, and this means there's a huge time-gap as well."

The percussionist Maggie Cotton agrees. "I've spent the last 30 years playing ahead of the beat. It's not the same in the new hall. The only reservation I have is that already he [Rattle] is flagging us down. You feel that you could drown the whole orchestra. I'm dying to play *Firebird* there."

Head, however, takes a more sober view. "We have to learn how the hall's responding to our playing, individually and collectively. Of course it will take time to acclimatise ourselves. Really it is a very lively sounding place, however." Does the hall respond without bias to high, middle and low sounds? Head thinks it does, but Kevin Gowland, principal flute, is less sure. "I've heard that the bass end is very prominent. That came over in the first rehearsal, but since then it's changed considerably. As far as the wind players are concerned, our main concern is that everything we do is going to be so obvious."

One aspect with which players are not pleased is backstage facilities

Gowland had been off-duty when, a few days before our conversation, the CBSO's subscribers had been invited to a rehearsal in the new hall. He went into the auditorium to listen for himself. "Downstairs the sound was very good, very clear. Then I gradually went upwards, and it got clearer. When I reached the top I could hear every single violinist. That's very frightening."

Cotton immediately turns the tables. "I hope the audience realises that we can hear them as well. You can hear them blinking their eyelashes, never mind rustling their sweet papers. Putting things down and picking things up is going to be difficult for us. But the new hall's got a good atmosphere."

One aspect with which the players are not pleased is backstage facilities. Currie: "The bar's got a limit of about 50 people." Cotton: "Yes, the orchestra is 96 for a start. What happens when you have a chorus and you've got visitors?" Gowland: "I saw the changing room the other day. Is that the only one?" Currie: "No, there are four, two for the men, two for the women. Even so, where does the chorus go?" Meanwhile, the car parking is such that Gowland has resorted to using the bus for travelling in from the suburbs.

British musicians would not be British musicians if they did not pass such comments. But clearly the players are very excited about the auditorium itself. "I've a soft spot for the Town Hall; I was convinced that I wouldn't be able to bear moving out," says Cotton. "But when I stood on the new platform I felt we'd come home."

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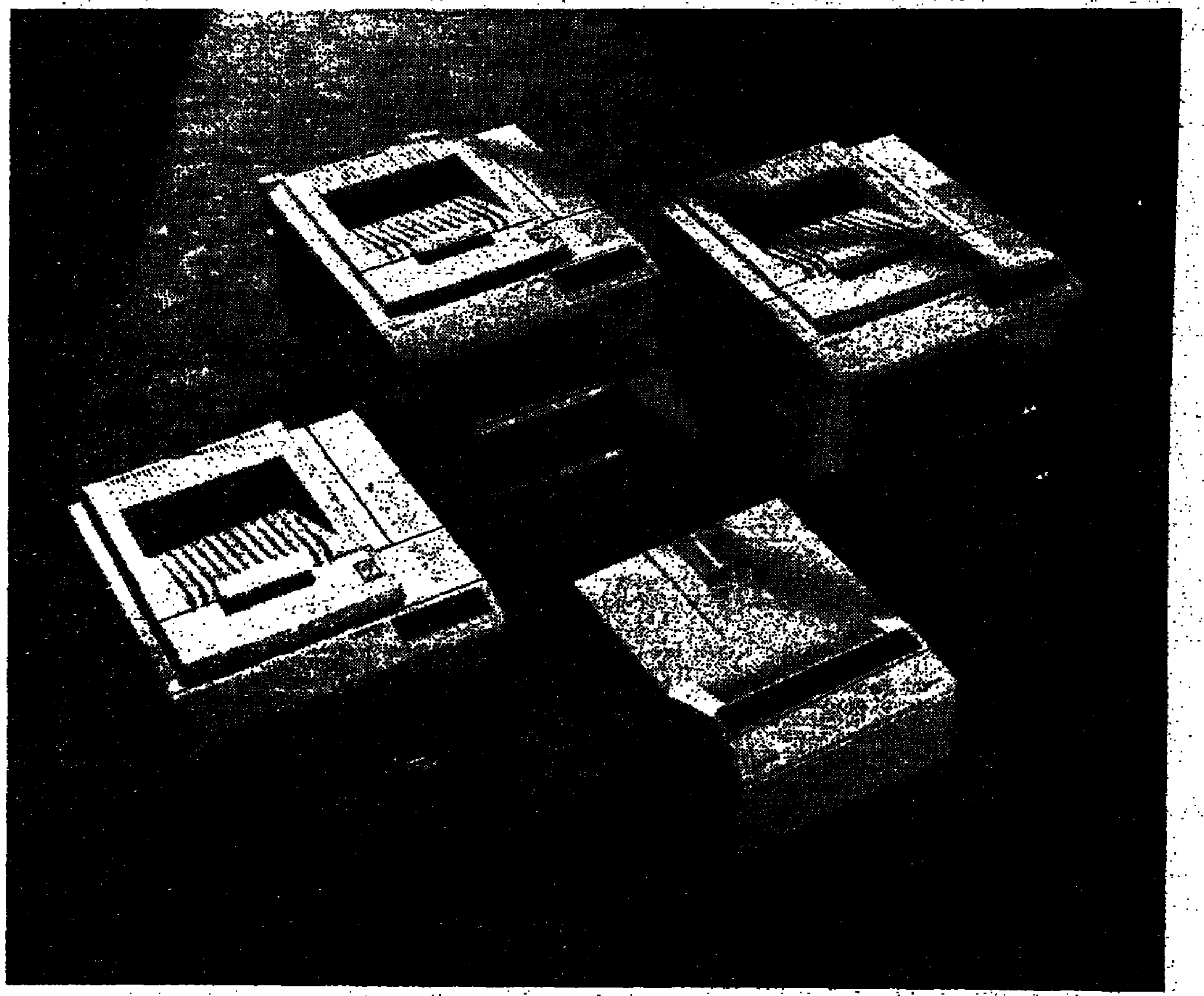

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No barrier to protecting the Kurds

Anthony Parsons considers the security council line-up on the safe enclave proposal

Strong nerves will be needed in the next few days if any genuine protection, as opposed to humanitarian relief, is to be afforded to the suffering people of Iraq.

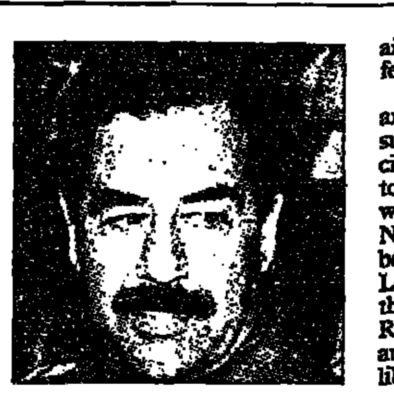
The British-led initiative to create safe havens in northern Iraq, if necessary protected by a multinational military force, is greatly to be welcomed. So often in the past, governments have invoked article 2 (7) of the United Nations Charter, which prohibits intervention in the domestic affairs of states, as a pretext for inaction (particularly when they have skeletons in their cupboards) rather than out of respect for international law. This time the political leaders have decided not to hide behind the non-intervention article, which is anyway not strictly relevant to the Iraqi case.

That article ends by stating that the principle of non-intervention "shall not prejudice the application of enforcement measures under Chapter VII", precisely the measures to which Iraq has been subjected since last August. The destruction of Iraq's infrastructure and the occupation of 15 per cent of Iraqi territory have not infringed this article; nor would any other actions (including measures to stem the cross-border flight of millions of refugees) that were designed to "restore international peace and security in the area", as called for in security council resolution 678, which authorised the use of force.

Moreover, security council resolution 688, adopted a few days ago, specifically condemns the Iraqi repression, the consequences of which it says "threaten international peace and security". So the proposal that secure enclaves should be established in Iraqi Kurdistan is not legally *ultra vires.*

It is true that the UN has intervened militarily in the domestic affairs of states, as in Cyprus since 1964 or the Congo between 1960 and 1964, only at the invitation or with the consent of the government in question. The Iraqi case is different, in that military protection of the enclaves would be imposed against the will of the Iraqi government. Even if Iraq did agree to the creation of enclaves, unlikely as this seems, this would not be sufficient reason for dispensing with UN military protection. If I were an Iraqi Kurd or a Shia in the area from which coalition forces are shortly to withdraw, I would not return to my home on the basis of an assurance from Saddam Hussein that I would be safe.

What are the chances of the security council adopting a resolution approving the creation of the enclaves and the authority for the coalition (or any other form of UN force) to use "all necessary means" to protect them against any violation by the Iraqi government? In practice these necessary means would probably amount to relatively small UN deterrent forces on the ground, whether the Iraqis liked it or not, removable only by affirmative vote of the security council. There would also have to be a credible threat to use massive air power against any Iraqi interference with the enclaves.



Saddam: only threat of force would keep him out

The omens are mixed. To the amazement of cold war veterans such as myself, the security council has adopted no fewer than 14 tough, mandatory resolutions without veto since August 2, 1990. Nothing like this had happened before in the history either of the League of Nations or the UN. On the debit side, China abstained on Resolution 678 which originally authorised the use of force to liberate Kuwait, while the positive vote for Resolution 688 was the lowest yet: only ten in favour with three non-permanent members voting against and China and India abstaining. However, both those countries voted in favour of the ceasefire resolution 687, which also cuts deep into Iraqi sovereignty.

The problem for the sponsors of the resolution — Britain and France being the prime movers, with backing from America and touchline support from Turkey and Iran — will be to secure the necessary nine votes with no vetos without watering down the resolution too much. Without UN policing and a credible military threat, it will be an empty gesture. The word trust and the name Saddam Hussein cannot be used together.

What happens if a resolution fails to be adopted, either because of a veto or lack of votes? Does the world simply abandon the Kurds and Shias to their terrible fate and accept the creation, so long as Saddam lasts, of a new and large-scale refugee problem? This must not happen. Encouragingly, senior American spokesmen have confirmed that the thousands of Iraqis who have sought refuge in the coalition occupation zo southern Iraq will not be face Saddam's Republican G when the allies withdraw. P ably the UN observer force proposed demilitarised zon the support if necessary of air power, will look after th

Sponsors of the propos claves in Kurdistan could go without a fresh resolution, themselves on Resolution This would probably mea ments from the original co nations, plus Turkey, provid military back-up. This i implies that America wo prepared to use its aircraft ye against Saddam's forces worst came to the worst.

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Sir Anthony Parsons was ambassador to the United N 1979-82.

Philip Bassett, industrial editor, looks at union pay in the light of Scargill's rise

Brother takes a pounding

A senior official of one of Britain's largest trade unions, well known for his appreciation of wine, was asked after a transatlantic trip how he had liked the vintages served on Concorde. "Wonderful," he replied. "The trouble was I only had half the time to drink them."

In Britain — as opposed to Germany and America — castigating trade union leaders for their lifestyles, salaries and perks is a traditional pastime, though the headlines have not been so large or so frequent since Mrs Thatcher curbed their power. The fascination with union leaders' earnings has dwindled, like train-spotting, to become the preserve of a passionate, committed few — most of them other union leaders making sure they are not being pushed down the salary pecking order.

But general interest has been rekindled with an increase for Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, that takes his pay to around £1,000 a week. The new interest is understandable, if only because Scargill and the NUM finances have become so entwined. Last year's dispute over the union's financial affairs will be given a fresh airing this summer in a government-backed court case.

Financially, trade unions are still mostly successful. Some are in real difficulties — the TGWU is struggling to reduce a two-year deficit of £9 million — but a study of union finances by the London Business School casts doubt on the idea that falling membership leads directly to poorer unions. In the boom of the late 1980s unions were just as successful as other corporate investors at managing their share portfolios. In the latest recorded year, their investment income totalled £39 million, with total net assets of £620 million.

But this amount of money does not produce high pay for union leaders. Ron Todd of the TGWU, for instance, is paid £43,000. Rodney Bickerstaffe of the public employees' union Nupe gets £35,000 and Albert Williams of the construction union Ucatt £24,500. At the top end, Nalgo pays Alan Jinkinson £50,000; Christine Hancock at the Royal College of Nursing earns £53,000.

Average pay for the leaders of the ten largest unions is £39,850, and the average for all, including the many smaller ones, may be considerably less, perhaps £25-£30,000, according to Dr John Kelly, senior lecturer in industrial relations at the London School of Economics, who has studied the nation's 3,500 union officials.

With whose salaries should these be equated? Back in the 1970s, when the general secretary of the TGWU was seen by the public as more powerful than Ted Heath, a useful comparison might have been with the prime minister's salary (now £72,533). A better comparison today might be with company personnel directors, whose average salaries stand at £58,500 — roughly double those of the general secretaries with whom they negotiate.

In Germany, Franz Steinkuhler, who heads the giant IG Metall union, is thought to earn about £70,000. Union leaders in America receive three times as much as their British counterparts. Most British union leaders do enjoy corporate-style perks: expense accounts, company cars, portable phones, even chauffeurs. Some are still wined, dined and whisked around the world on company entertainment accounts. But for most, the money and the perks are poor. Salaries in the AEU, for instance, used to be low because it provided houses for senior officials. That practice stopped when the Inland Revenue began to take a close interest; now Bill Jordan and Gavin Laird, president and general secretary respectively, are each paid £27,500. While that is still more than their members — maintenance fitters average about £15,000 — and, according to their political opponents, they get a string of other benefits on top — it is still considerably less than the earnings of the heads of most private sector service companies.

Trade union leaders have never done the job for the money. Power, yes — but the days of beer and sandwiches in Downing Street are long gone, and there is no sign of wine and roses in Congress House.

Scandal stalks the mighty

Charles Bremner in New York reports on the orgy of gossip sweeping a nation that is puritan at heart

Did she or didn't she? It depends what newspaper you read or which television channel you watch. According to some, the hot news of the week is that Nancy Reagan "conducted a love affair" with Frank Sinatra while she lived in the White House. Others have not devoted one word to Kitty Kelley's muck-raking biography of the former first lady, or have adopted the old tabloid tactic of passing on the gossip while condemning it.

For example, *The New York Times*, America's solemn journal of record, displayed all the juiciest allegations on its front page, while *The Washington Post* initially ignored the whole business. Then the *Post* caught up with a tut-tutting report casting aspersions on Miss Kelley while managing to retail the main slurs.

In contrast with much of the old world, America is in two minds about scandal. On one hand it loves a good gossip and devotes enormous resources to providing it. In the golden days of radio and newspapers, millions were devoted to the society and Hollywood gossip columns by the likes of Hedda Hopper, Louella Parsons and Walter Winchell. Now, more television shows and magazines than ever before are devoted to the shenanigans of celebrities, helped by weak libel laws that allow the propagation of the type of inflammatory allegations that would have British lawyers thinking in seven-figure sums. (In most states, public figures have almost no grounds for libel over allegations that do not involve criminal behaviour.)

The best-selling book this week is *You'll Never Eat Lunch in this Town Again* by Julia Phillips, an embittered insider's hatchet job on just about every famous name in Hollywood. But it would take nuclear war to stop the Nancy Reagan book from pushing *Lunch* to number two.

On the other hand, the old puritan ethic prevails. The country retains an endearing prudishness that goes back to the civic propriety of New England and the founding fathers. This often makes for a hilarious stuffiness of the type that led *The Washington Post* to make a passing reference on Monday to a "sexual encounter with a trumpet". It was reporting from Operation Kennedy in Palm Beach, the site of the biggest media blitz since Operation Desert Storm.

The Reagans and Sinatra at a White House party in 1981. Now the press is having a ball

In recent years, the old censorious approach has found new support from feminism and sexual politics. John Tower, the former senator who was killed in a plane crash last week, fell victim to the new intolerance in 1989 when his Senate colleagues refused to allow Mr Bush to appoint him defence secretary because he had a reputation for womanising and "drinking alcoholic beverages", two pursuits that are hardly foreign to the profession of politician.

The past month has seen some illuminating cases of the new puritanism, or lack of a sense of humour, as non-Americans see it. One was the reaction to the heavy-handed joke by French actor Gérard Depardieu to a woman interviewer that he had "participated" in rapes since the age of nine. The words had barely hit the page in *Time* magazine before the protest pickets were out and yet another Franco-American row was under way. The people who were indignant over this unfortunate quip have also been upset by Madonna's take-off of Marilyn Monroe during her Oscar-night song, in which she purred: "Talk to me, General Schwarzkopf". Feminists are angry over the emergence of Stormin' Norman as a national sex symbol.

In another case, some people were alleged to have taken offence when Deborah Norville, the star presenter on the oldest breakfast television show, allowed a magazine to publish some very demure photographs of her breastfeeding her baby. Not exactly shocking, but this is the country that only recently allowed commercials to show real women wearing a bra and which still insists on a close-up of a wedding ring in any commercial showing a man and woman having breakfast together. Miss Norville, already out of favour with her bosses for other reasons, has been sacked.

Of course the titillation value of scandal is greatly accentuated by a sense of propriety. Tales about the love lives of the powerful do not generate media frenzy in Latin countries as they do in Britain, and even more in America. It was the added ingredient of hypocrisy that added to the entertainment value of the sex and money scandals that engulfed Jimmy Swaggart and other television evangelists in the late 1980s. But the old rules of propriety also inflict qualms of conscience among those who pass on the goods. Similar qualms are felt by the quality press in Britain when it ponders whether to joi tabloids in the latest pursuit royal family.

The difference is that Am editors do their agonising in and often try to have it both disapproving of the furor sharing the fun and innu They do this by taking the logical route. For example, New York's popular press "tabloid TV" was working into ecstasy over the T divorce in March last year, *week* devoted its cover and pages to a solemn analysis the headline: "Where does come from and why does Am love it?" It is all about a "fitu acting out", according to one who went on to equate Trumps with ancient Troy.

The past week's feast the Reagans and the nedys, the closest country has to royal ilies, has followed the course. In a feat of hypocrisy, *New York Times* called up professor of journalism at vard and other eminent figur explain to readers why the nedy saga was so gripping.

Assuming that its readers not glimpsed rival headlines as "Teddy's Sexy Romp", it quoted the editor of *The New Post* as saying: "It's got violence, the rich, a sultry se and a controversial United S senator who may or may not been wearing shorts".

The venerable *Washingto* followed the same twin t explaining on Monday tha alleged rape of a woman Kennedy house had att worldwide attention becau was "a bizarre drama resemb plot from a steamy Jackie C novel". It did, however, me the trumpet and such featu Neil, the multimillionaire likes to frequent Mr Ken favourite nightspot while w a leather miniskirt.

In similar fashion, ABC the most-watched network cast, threw the Reagan boo the Kennedy scandal into the basket and had its media mentator explain that they legitimate stories because th ures involved were powerful ticians. This presumably everyone feel fine about President Bush "Whiney", name Mrs Reagan is alleg have given her husband's president.

...and moreover

CRAIG BROWN

It was on a cool March morning back in 1985 that I joined the long queue of writers outside the home of Graham Greene in Antibes. It was 8.45 am on a Monday, the one day of the week — apart from Thursdays and Saturdays — that Greene, a notoriously reclusive figure, would grant his exclusive, long-awaited interviews to visiting writers and journalists. He would never, for instance, give an interview on a Tuesday (he was notoriously reclusive) except in cases of emergency, and Fridays too were quite out of the question, for these were reserved for coach parties.

There was still a quarter of an hour until the doors opened, but already there were thirty or so writers and journalists forming an orderly queue, the vast majority of them close personal friends with privileged access to this (notoriously reclusive) author.

"The thing 'bout Graham," remarked the man in front of me, the deputy editor of a mould-breaking Spanish motoring journal who was regularly granted privileged interviews with the great author on such subjects as "God and the new Turbo GTI", "is that he is, 'ow you say..?"

"Notoriously reclusive?" I ventured.

"Is right, señor," he said, "he is *notoriously* reclusive."

"And notoriously *reclusive* too," added a little man further up the queue. It emerged that he was the literary editor of *Exchange and Mart*, and as such a close personal friend of Graham Greene. "I first realised how reclusive he is when he mentioned it to an invited audience of two thousand at the Royal Festival Hall, with Joe Loss as the warm-up act... of course, he was so intent on preserving his anonymity that for most of the show he steadfastly refused to remove his panama hat, and signed photographs were out of the question, unless specifically requested."

Many in the queue were beginning to chip in anecdotes of the thousands of public demonstrations by Greene of his notorious reclusiveness when suddenly the Closed sign on his front door changed to Open, and we all piled through the toll-gates and into the waiting-room. However, the door marked "Long-awaited interviews" remained firmly closed.

"As a gesture of respect, Mr Greene is just granting an exclusive interview to God," explained his secretary, "but he won't be long."

The waiting-room was decorated very much in keeping. Cigarette stubs, upturned flies and broken rosaries resting in small pools of spilt whisky were all laid out with welcoming precision, so that each journalist could cast an observant eye over them before jotting down in his notebook a short memo concerning the curious parallels between life and art, between Greene the man and Greene the novelist.

"Mr Theroux," chirruped Greene's secretary, "Mr Greene will see you now." A tarantula nestling on her hairgrip hung his head low, as if afflicted by some savage remorse.

Twenty minutes or so later, Mr Theroux came out and sidled over to the secretary's desk in order to arrange his next appointment in a few months' time. He was about to leave when his notebook happened to fall to the floor. I rushed to pick it up for him, and was interested to see that among his observations were "penetrating eyes" and "unexpected sense of fun".

Slowly the queue began to move forward. Next in and out was a Mr Raphael. I couldn't resist a quick peek at his notebook. "Penetrating eyes", he had written, "and an unexpected sense of fun". Then it was a Mr Mortimer's turn, but he was complaining to the secretary that he had booked a later appointment. "I specifically ordered the full set lunch with extra bottle of Muscadet plus candid discussion of Heaven and Hell," he was saying. "I had the penetrating eyes and unexpected sense of fun last week. I'm a close personal friend, you know."

"I'll see what I can do," said the secretary crisply, the tarantula on her hair-grip edging slowly towards her ear, perhaps influenced by drink.

At long last my own turn came for an exclusive interview with the great man. My impressions of our meeting remain as vivid today as they were when I left him. He had, I would say, an unexpected sense of fun, and what I can only describe as penetrating eyes. And, oh yes, he was notoriously reclusive.

Playing for the limelight

John Major may have grabbed all the headlines over the proposed safe enclave for the Kurds, but the Turks have angrily accused him of stealing their idea. Both Downing Street and the Foreign Office insist that Britain can claim the credit for the policy. "This is a government plan. It came from Downing Street and negotiations with the Foreign Office," a spokesman for the prime minister said yesterday.

The Turkish embassy in London, however, is furious. "President Ozal said all this on Sunday. It's Turkey's idea, not Britain's. We are used to everyone else getting the glory. It was Turkey that first raised the plight of the Kurds at the United Nations, but France got the credit. Now this. Everyone else gets the praise. We get the Kurds."

Despite yesterday's headlines, the Turks appear to have a point. Interviewed on ABC television 24 hours before Major's EC summit triumph, Ozal advocated a buffer zone where Kurds could be protected from Saddam's forces. "We have to get these people eventually to a location in Iraq controlled by the UN." Even before that, the idea had been kicked around Washington for days.

Downing Street, not to put too fine a point on it, has lifted the idea wholesale. But, as Nigel Lawson said recently, it is the perception rather than the reality that counts — and the credit for persuading the world that London was first off the mark must go to Stephen Wall, the PM's foreign policy adviser, who succeeded Sir Charles Powell less than two weeks ago. Wall has clearly already earned his stripes, for whatever the outcome, the idea has given Major his biggest foreign policy coup since coming to office, just when he needed it most.

THE TIMES DIARY

● *Weeks after* Debrett's People of Today *axed some of Britain's more obscure aristocrats in favour of Paul Gascoigne, Vivienne Westwood and darts player Jocky Wilson, it is planning to add a further batch of new names — this time of famous children. Inspired by some exceptional youngsters, including James Harris, the 13-year-old entrepreneur, Debrett's publisher, Michael Preston, is considering a special children's supplement to accompany next year's edition of the parent work. "I shall have to spend a lot of time watching* Blue Peter, *" he says.*

Coming to a head

A tax by any other name would smell as foul. The delayed announcement of the government's replacement for the poll tax is expected to include a residuary 20 per cent "people element". But what is the difference between this "people element" and a poll tax? None at all, according to Tony Travers, director of research at the London School of Economics.

"If the replacement is a one unit per person tax it is still a poll tax, even if it is separate to a property tax," he says. If the government goes for a scheme that offers discounts based on three or more people in a household, that will still not get it off the hook. "That will be a relative of poll tax," says Travers. A system in which payments are made through the head of a household? "Still a poll tax."

There is only one way the government can finally bury the name, he says: "a property tax without any element of head tax. By the 'people element', of course, he means poll tax." And unless and until tomorrow's cabinet committee meets Travers' criteria, that is what it should be called.

Spot the Hockney

A new David Hockney painting went on public view for the first time in London on Monday night, and no one noticed. The oval shaped oil, *Red Flowers and Blue Spots*, which has a £100,000 price tag, was given by the artist to Michael Cashman, the former star of *EastEnders*, for the Stonewall gay pressure group. But there was bewilderment at the opening of the exhibition, "Art for Equality", at the ICA, as guests searched for the picture that had been billed as the star attraction.

Excuse me... you're leaning on the Hockney
GED

Alan Bates, the actor, said: "I have been here half an hour and I still haven't identified it. What does it look like?" Tory MP John Bowis did find the picture, but was unimpressed. "I was standing underneath it for half an hour before I realised what it was. I would not hang it over my mantlepiece even if it were gi me." Fenella Fielding admitte had walked past three times she realised it was the Hockn

Her confusion was u standable; the picture is only inches high and does not be artist's signature. "It's awful, said. "You would never kn was one of his ." Only Cas defended it. "I think it's very It's a great investment."

Lost leader

Lord Sainsbury's resign as chairman of C Garden has caused a of speculation. Is it merely c that his departure coincides the start of a detailed investig by the Arts Council tha expected to be highly critical Royal Opera's management?

Sainsbury is known to been furious about an Arts C cil appraisal of the Royal last summer which strongly cised the management. Som Covent Garden argued tha report should be published, ever damning. Sainsbury res

The Arts Council's latest re which no one expects to flattering, is likely to take months to prepare. So, alth Sainsbury is not due to leave August, it will land not in hi tray but that of his succe Angus Stirling, director-gener the National Trust.

● *After 30 years on the stage, Lewis got her first big break week. She is understudy to Johnson, star of the musical Street, who telephoned on Su night to say she had an ey fection and asked Lewis to ste Lewis did not hesitate — though she had been at hom two weeks since her hus television producer Roger F died suddenly from cancer. believe in the old showbiz a that whatever happens, th always tomorrow," she says.*

PLACE OF SAFETY

nternational airlift now under ey and Iraq, the plight of the grows more desperate by the leaders, blamed on all sides for the Kurdish rebellion, are ger to help. Hence the instant pport for John Major's plan, l by the Turkish President, , for a "safe haven" for the Iraq, to end the massing of he border mountains and the ger to political stability inside

minister's initiative has con- nds in the capitals of Europe a. The proposal implies a ce for its establishment and otection. For the first time since ration, the shadow of renewed ed over the victory celebrations. n partners must consider care- r this is another cheque which prepared to honour, or whether new United Nations force will le Iraq with land forces to make propaganda coup a reality.

plan envisages the declaration f northern Iraq where Kurdish ld be supplied with food and y the United Nations. The im is to save Kurdish lives. The is to persuade the refugees to eir homes with guarantees of ne aim is not the creation of an Kurdistan.

to the Major plan are not hard . There is no convincing r UN intervention to protect a m persecution by a sovereign within its own borders. There states, including others with norities, which might object to dent. Civil wars are the most nd nasty of conflicts, but they lped by outside intervention.

erious objection to the Major argument that, because the ld represent an infringement of ignty, the UN could not claim partial observer since Baghdad accept its presence. Saddam's ter, Saadoun Hammadi, threat- t (the plan) with all means". It epresented by Saddam as the f Kurdish separatism by Turk- sts to further the interests of nd British imperialism. Many non-Kurdish Iraqis will believe him. The American 7th Corps started to withdraw from southern Iraq yesterday, eagerly encouraged by war-weary American public opinion. Mr Major knows that his allies are in no mood to resume the war. Yet the lack of American enthusiasm or of a UN precedent is an insufficient reason to reject the Major plan out of hand. The war of liberation in Kuwait that led to the civil war in Iraq had many unprecedented features. The Kurds would have a claim to protection from genocide even if their exodus had not taken on an international dimension.

Is there a version of the Major plan that might have some chance of success? The best hope would surely be for the Iraqis to be persuaded that it is in their interests to prove to the world that no harm faces the Kurds if they return to their towns and villages. If the Kurds cannot be given firm guarantees, the Iraqis can at least be told to admit UN observers as part of the ever more complicated price of the dismantling of economic sanctions. Diplomacy with Saddam in these circumstances may seem odious to outsiders, but some attempt to relieve the Kurdish disaster is called for.

There is no great difficulty in international law in sending an expeditionary force south from Turkey to enforce an enclave if such approaches are rebuffed. The threat to regional peace and the threat to the lives of the entire Kurdish people are sufficient justification. But there is no sign that the Americans will rouse themselves from the calculated inactivity of the past fortnight to countenance military action.

The logistical difficulty of establishing an enclave against hostile troops and then protecting it indefinitely would be massive and would, in effect, involve Turkey in a war with Iraq. Nor would such a conflict necessarily be in the true interest of the Kurds themselves, who have long sought to live at peace with hostile host nations.

Yet the Kurds at present have first claim on the attention of the international community. To this extent, any effort by any Western leader to assist them merits consideration. Mr Major's initiative deserves serious examination by the UN and the European Community. At least it maintains the pressure on Saddam. From that pressure comes the hope that he may alter his view of where his own interest lies.

UNCOMMON MURDERERS

onfined to a wheelchair was 8 of a wasting disease. She had er suffer a lingering and painful the same illness two years. She begged her husband to put er misery. Eventually he gave in red her with a pillow. The jury at the man could not plead er instead of murder. He had fe deliberately while in a healthy d and not on the spur of the espite regrets expressed in a judge, the jurors had to find the lty. The judge had no choice but him to life imprisonment, the entence for murder.

arty amendment to the criminal to be tabled today in the House is designed to redress such ord Nathan, the author of the , chaired the 1989 Lords select on murder and life imprison- ecommended that there was no for blanket life sentences for latest in a formidable line of different bodies reaching the sion. The view is shared by Lord rd Chief Justice, along with 12 n's 19 most senior judges.

h century, mandatory sentences nplace. Society came to realise sheepstealers deserved to hang job of a judge and jury was to h case on its merits, and exercise ion in sentencing. By 1965, the tory sentence left was capital for murder. When that was e hardliners were appeased by andatory life sentence in its the Lord Chief Justice of the Parker, thought it should be discretionary. Now Britain has more life-sentence prisoners than all the other countries of Western Europe put together.

The government will oppose the amendment on spurious grounds. Lord Waddington will be wheeled out to claim that murder is a uniquely heinous crime which should carry a uniquely serious sentence. Why is it uniquely heinous? Certainly, it deprives victims of their lives, but so does causing death by reckless driving, manslaughter and infanticide. Child abuse and rape also give rise to a peculiar horror. Yet nobody would expect the mother who accidentally injures a screaming baby with a slap to receive the same sentence as a teacher who sadistically abuses and tortures a child in her care.

Home Office ministers are apparently worried that judges will give murderers fixed-term sentences that will allow them to commit a second murder on release. Yet murder is a crime that is hardly ever committed twice, usually committed by one family member to another in the heat of the moment. It is a rare crime, seldom committed by "criminals" and peculiarly unsusceptible to any idea of deterrence.

Judges would not be deprived of the option of a life sentence, which they would certainly use if they saw any risk of a continuing danger to the public. Sadly the reason for the government's intransigence is politics. Kenneth Baker dares not face accusations at a Tory party conference that he has gone soft on murderers. He knows he could argue that the public has lost confidence in life sentences and that under a new system a life sentence could really mean it. But he will not. British justice will be the worse for politicians' cowardice.

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Britain": the very thought was to make a gourmet retch. managed to ensure no correla- the quality of their ingredients ste. There was boiling, long, with sodium bicarbonate, app- ticular savagery to vegetables. negar, not wine, nor balsamic, ive cider vinegar, but malt, weetness of beetroot and the mint. There was cod (frozen) tter (soggy) fried in fat (stale) in newspaper (dirty).

tic breast beats fast, therefore, that 200 of France's leading s week sat down to a meal of nder the banner of the promo- sation Food from Britain. The wild and Scottish, the lamb he potatoes Jersey Royals, the , and the chef from that most ndon hotels, the Connaught.

s ago, when the *bon viveur,* stgate, founded the then slim *uide,* to eat well in Britain was Twenty-five years ago, Berni garded as the pinnacle of the itions of most Britons. Today *od Guide* lists 1,300 entries. e barman once looked askance for a plate of pâté will produce as a pint of bitter.

may debate the cause of the food revolution in Britain. *The awfulness of* British cooking drew in a multitude of foreign restaurateurs, from Italy, Spain and France as well as India and China. A rise in incomes that Postgate, a socialist, might never have expected under capitalism has enabled people to eat out more often. Technology has contributed faster airplanes bringing exotic produce swiftly to our shores. The microwave delivers it piping hot to table. Britons travelling abroad have discovered that food need not be disgusting, even when cheap.

This last highlights one factor clear from this week's dinner: the internationalisation of the cook's art. The chef from the Connaught is Michel Bourdin, a Frenchman. The salmon was Scottish but the dish was *coulibiac,* from Russia. The *crème brûlée* may have used British cream but the recipe was French; the Stilton came in a soufflé, scarcely native Melton Mowbray. The sherry in the consommé was not made in Britain. The vogue may be for "New British" cooking, but the first five restaurants in the 1991 *Good Food Guide* are influenced by California, Armenia, Japan, Sweden and France. By all means, let Food from Britain remind the world of the cornucopia of home-grown delights that Britain offers. But Britons should not forget the culinary contribution of others that has made this the golden age of the table.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Proposed closure of London's zoo

From Mr John Toovey

Sir, Your leading article of April 8 on the threatened closure of London's zoo expresses an outdated view. Conservation is about animals and even more so their ecology and habitat; it is most definitely not about conserving zoos in their existing form.

It is no longer acceptable for large animals to be kept in confined urban situations just as a "popular point of contact between the public and wild animal life". They have a right to live naturally, but unfortunately the pressures and fallout from mankind have deprived many animals of their wild habitat, and almost daily a species becomes extinct.

When conservation cannot be achieved in the natural state or reserves, it may be appropriate to keep in captivity a limited number of species for education, study, and breeding — although captive breeding has resulted in only a handful of successful reintroductions to the wild.

Those large animals that are kept for good reason should certainly not be confined in an urban zoo such as London's, where many animals are under stress because space is at a premium. Wild-animal parks have space, though whether it is always used to the animal's advantage is another matter.

I believe that what we need are not zoos, nor even wild-animal parks, but centres for the interpretation and encouragement of wildlife conservation. It is the animal's natural habitat, whether on land, in the sea, or in the air, that is in danger from destruction and pollution. There is no use in taking out and preserving one living component when it is the complete interactive habitat that is important and should be studied and conserved.

Wildlife centres could put across these messages without keeping large numbers of animals in captivity, and are likely to be just as attractive for the increasingly aware and discerning children and family visitors of today. Compare the burgeoning success of museums and interactive science centres with the decline in zoo attendances.

There are indications that zoos in Britain are responding to calls for change, but more slowly than many people would have liked. It might help if the name "zoo" followed its disparaged predecessor "menagerie" into disuse, and was replaced by a title more appropriate to the needs of the animals and concerns of today.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TOOVEY
(Architect to the Zoological Society of London, 1967-87),
Ashcroft, Ashley Green,
Chesham, Buckinghamshire.
April 8.

From Dr R. D. and Mrs J. A. Reubin

Sir, Having spent a disappointing day last week at London Zoo, we are not at all surprised that attendances are falling and the zoo's closure is planned. A distinct lack of animals, so many empty enclosures and cages, left us with the dismal feeling that we were in a ghost town.

Ice creams at £1, hot dogs at £2, car park £6, adult entrance fee £5, added to our impression that desperate measures were already being taken.

The fun of the zoo was missing. Signposts indicated animal rides which were deserted. The chimps' tea party has been replaced by a cow-milking demonstration. Educational? Yes. Entertaining? No.

We were left with the impression that the zoo is run by a group of stuffy members of the establishment who adhere rigidly to their principles whilst ignoring current trends.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD REUBIN,
JANETTE REUBIN,
18 Anselm Road, Hatch End,
Pinner, Middlesex.
April 9.

From Mr Peter Beazley, MEP for Bedfordshire South (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Who says that the London Zoo must close? Nonsense! Ask all the grandfathers from the furthest parts of the British Isles who visited the zoo as children, when their parents took them to London, who later took their own children and now their grandchildren.

Whipsnade is a wonderful place within five minutes of my constituency home in Little Gaddesden, but it is not in London. Britain's capital, like all other major European capitals, must have its own zoo and Regent's Park is the ideal place for it.

Irrespective of its being a major attraction and educative institution for all our children, the zoo has a most important place in our society, both from the scientific and historical point of view. If Britain can afford £60 million betting on the Grand National it can easily afford to maintain such a popular and educational institution as the London Zoo.

If the government will offer no help, ask the people to support it. They will do so with a popular appeal, and there is no reason why the London authorities and industry, if properly approached, should not do so as well.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BEAZLEY,
4 Bridgewater Court,
Little Gaddesden,
Nr Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.
April 8.

From Mr A. Seth-Smith

Sir, London Zoo has seen many changes since my grandfather, David Seth-Smith, kindled children's interest through his radio broadcasts in the 1930s as "The Zoo Man". Yet the proposal to abandon Regent's Park shows a feeble lack of imagination and determination from the zoo's governing council and the Department of the Environment.

They should draw up a plan to offer a reduced but still representative collection of animals, housed in the best conditions.

Yours faithfully,
ALVAN SETH-SMITH,
5 Sandy Lodge Way,
Northwood, Middlesex.
April 8.

From Mr Keith Martin

Sir, Why not privatise the zoo and float it off as a public limited company? Why should it remain exempt from the forces of the market?

Yours sincerely,
KEITH MARTIN,
4 Blake Road, New Southgate, N11.
April 8.

Court decisions on child abuse

From Professor Emeritus A. H. Thornton

Sir, Are we not looking at the Rochdale and Orkney affairs from the wrong end? Surely we should start by remembering that we have legislated to give groups of local government functionaries (some perhaps neither particularly well-trained nor intellectually very able) a terrifying power which enables them to override the human rights of any family in the country by entering homes and removing children from them by force.

Moreover, this power can be exercised on the flimsiest hearsay evidence. Anything like legal or even everyday commonsensical proof is not needed before the dreadful machine is put into motion.

As the Butler-Sloss guidelines ("cautious and measured intervention") seem not to have proved strong enough, we should now establish specific, definitive and mandatory safeguards to be put into operation *before* the power can be used.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. THORNTON,
Chapel Cottage, Authorpe,
Louth, Lincolnshire.
April 5.

From Mr David Green

Sir, Court work teaches lawyers how to recognise and avoid leading questions. Psychoanalytical training teaches psychiatrists how to avoid loaded questions. Criticism by David Kelbie, Sheriff of Grampian, Highland and Islands, suggested that some social workers involved in alleged child abuse cases are unable either to recognise or avoid both leading and loaded questions (report, April 5).

A child's evidence is essentially at least as reliable as is that of any adult; but a child's wish to please a questioning adult makes it far more likely to give answers suggested by inept questions. Child abuse is horrific and social workers' determination to root it out is wholly admirable. But they will defeat the interest they seek to serve if they do not learn and employ safeguarding interviewing techniques long since evolved and practised by other professions.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris,
Nr Haverfordwest, Dyfed.
April 6.

From the Director of Social Services for Essex

Sir, Managing child abuse, and more especially child sexual abuse, is fraught with enormous difficulties, not the least of which is the management of the various disciplines involved. We should recognise that the Butler-Sloss guidelines considerably advance our knowledge and understanding of how to manage all aspects of child abuse.

I would however take issue with any suggestion of ever improving guidance on the basis of individual case experiences. The Rochdale report, written by the Department of Health social services inspectorate, neatly pointed out those who had not played their part in assisting Rochdale social services in the management of the particular cases. Significantly, for me, those who did not get involved escaped criticism by press and public.

In common with other reports, including the Butler-Sloss Cleveland report, Rochdale clearly shows that general practitioners are poor attenders at child protection case conferences — unlike the social workers. In a nutshell, the Department of Health guidelines, as presently constituted, allow social workers to be scapegoated.

I am bound by law to support Department of Health guidelines and their operation within Essex. If the choice were mine I would abandon central government advice immediately. I would encourage the Department of Health to nominate one agency to manage child abuse and empower it to seek and obtain all the necessary evidence and co-operation.

The public must understand that some adults do unspeakable things to children. As a director of social services I could with ease, even here in Essex, write a weekly column for the local newspaper on the successful cases handled by this department on the wide-ranging subject of child abuse, including sexual abuse. These cases are handled successfully and the children are properly protected, with the majority of them remaining within the family setting and not being removed from home.

Yours sincerely,
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Director of Social Services,
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April 5.

Air routes dispute

From the Managing Director of Gatwick Airport Limited

Sir, London's Gatwick Airport — still one of the busiest international airports in the world — can hardly be described as "remote" and is certainly not a scheduled airlines graveyard (letters, March 28).

Gatwick is a base for some 50 scheduled carriers, and passengers using scheduled flights now account for 60 per cent of the airport's 21 million passengers a year.

The airport is just 30 minutes by the non-stop Gatwick Express rail service to London Victoria and 10 minutes from the M25.

I don't think we need to call in the undertakers just yet.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN MUNDS,
Managing Director,
Gatwick Airport Limited,
Gatwick, West Sussex.
April 8.

Nitrogen limitation

From Mr Anthony Rosen

Sir, Mr Aidan Harrison's contention (April 8) that "nitrogen limitation [is] the only rational solution to the crisis facing Europe's agriculture" is misguided. Statutory nitrogen limitation would be comparable to slowing down a factory production line and believing that this would in itself produce greater efficiency.

Such an artificial restriction on efficient farming would truly spell the end of Britain's agricultural industry. Why not carry this to its illogical conclusion and limit all tractors to a maximum horsepower of just ten?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY ROSEN
(Chief Executive),
Feenix Farming,
Rosehill, Arford,
Headley, Hampshire.
April 8.

English in schools

From Baroness James of Holland Park and Professor Marilyn Butler

Sir, We write to express the concern of the Arts Council's literature panel about the pressures which may be exerted upon the time for reading, especially the reading of literature, in the national curriculum. Though English has been designated a core subject, it is being encroached on by the rest of the curriculum. In particular it looks like losing out to the other two core subjects, maths and science.

At present, children can earn certificates in GCSE for both English (which includes an element of literature) and English Literature, just as they can earn certificates for both Maths and Science. The two subjects together are economical, using a smaller share of the timetable than is required by double science. Yet we understand that a decision has been taken to drop the second certificate when pupils start work on the GCSE part of the core curriculum in 1992, the part which rewards the substantial English literature element which may be taught within the core curriculum.

The effects of this decision are certain to be immediately damaging, and may be far-reaching. Already the time allocated to English in the proposed timetable, four periods a week, looks too short. Once the second certificate moves out of the core, even this share is sure to come under further pressure. Books will drop to a lower place among a school's spending priorities.

It is only by an encouragement of a child's creativity that we shall produce great literature in the future. So far the principle has been widely accepted that in education language and literature are not competitive but complementary and that part of a command of thought and language, which our children will need throughout their lives, is the ability to read complex and sustained material.

No public announcement or explanation has been given for such a shift in policy on English literature. Nor has there been an opportunity for the public to consider its consequences for the study of English in schools. We feel that it is time for a clear restatement by the secretary of state of his recognition of the place of English literature in the core curriculum.

Yours faithfully,
P. D. JAMES
(Chairman, Literature Panel),
MARILYN BUTLER
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14 Great Peter Street, SW1.
March 28.

Death in prison

From the Senior Chief Clerk of Clerkenwell Magistrates' Court

Sir, That an inquest jury at Southwark should find that Edwin Robinson had killed himself in Brixton prison in "circumstances brought about by lack of care" seems entirely appropriate (report, April 6).

Contrary to what your report suggests, Edwin Robinson left my court in custody accompanied at all times by a warrant stating the order of the court and certifying that he was suffering from mental illness. To assist the prison medical services, detailed assessments of his mental condition made by two psychiatrists were attached to the warrant.

It was this warrant which authorised Brixton prison to receive and detain Edwin Robinson pending his admission to a hospital; without this warrant and the accompanying documents he would not have gained entry to Brixton prison.

It is a tragic irony that my court is one of the very few in this country that encourages and accommodates the weekly visit of two forensic psychiatrists for the very purpose of speedily diverting mentally-ill defendants to hospitals and away from the brutalising effect of our under-resourced prisons. This initiative receives no extra financial support from government sources.

Care for the mentally-ill defendant is not lacking at Clerkenwell Magistrates' Court and I regret that I was not called to give evidence at the inquest. This was a sad and, in my view, avoidable death.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PASCOE,
Senior Chief Clerk,
Clerkenwell Magistrates' Court,
King's Cross Road, WC1.
April 8.

NHS dental treatment

From the Secretary of the General Dental Practitioners' Association

Sir, Mrs P. Hardy (April 2) confirms a trend which this association has warned about for the past year, namely that, as a result of the new contract for dentists, it will become increasingly difficult for patients to find a dentist to carry out NHS work, especially in the South-east of England.

She asks whether the government is aware of what is happening. She may therefore be interested in a statement by Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Minister for Health, in the House of Commons on March 15 (Hansard, column 1403):

> Some have tried quite irresponsibly to argue that, because of the new dental contract introduced on October 1, dentists might withdraw from the NHS . . . This is not the case.

The minister is right. Dentists are not leaving the NHS, but many are not accepting patients under the new contract. According to the Dental Practice Board's March briefing, 8 per cent of dentists have not registered a single patient, either adult or child, since October 1. This ranges from 3 per cent in Oxford to 19 per cent in London.

The government has the information; it is just a little coy in releasing it. Unfortunately those MPs who have asked questions in the House have concentrated on resignations, of which there are few. What should be asked is the number of dentists who have registered no patients or only child and/or charge-exempt patients.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WATSON, Secretary,
General Dental Practitioners' Association,
GDPA House,
High Street,
Thorpe-le-Soken,
Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.
April 2.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Women as heads

From the Headmaster of Dover College

Sir, Mrs Elizabeth Baker (April 3), in discussing senior appointments in Headmasters' Conference co-educational schools, very reasonably draws attention to the fact that no such schools are headed by women. This is a matter of great sadness to many of us.

Mrs Baker should not imagine, however, that HMC policy is at fault. Some years ago, in response to a written enquiry, the HMC committee assured us that, were a woman appointed head of one of our schools, she would not be banned from membership on the ground of her sex. We therefore simply await that first appointment.

My governors have recently appointed my successor, a person to lead a school which has been fully co-educational since 1975. They naturally wished to appoint the applicant who seemed most suited to the task. The ratio of female to male applicants was one to 65. Not surprisingly a man was appointed.

The question to which we should be addressing ourselves is why women are not applying for the headship of HMC co-educational schools. It would be interesting to know to how many such schools Mrs Baker herself applied before she took up her present appointment.

Yours faithfully,
JACK K. IND, Headmaster,
Dover College,
Dover, Kent.
April 3.

Vital statistics

From Mrs Elaine Murray

Sir, According to your Fashion Editor, Liz Smith (April 2), the average British woman is short. This is impossible. If she is average, she is neither short nor tall. She is average.

Yours,
ELAINE MURRAY,
26 Greyladies Gardens,
Wat Tyler Road, SE10.
April 3.

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COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 9: The Prime Minister and Mrs Major, His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Mrs Dove-Edwin, His Excellency the Ambassador of Thailand and Mrs Prasasvinitchai, Sir Denis and Lady Rooke, Sir Robert and Lady Reid, Sir Simon and Lady Gourlay, Mr and Mrs Ian Beer and Mr and Mrs Brian Jenkins have arrived at Windsor Castle.

The Lady Elton has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

The Duchess of York this morning visited the Special Escort Group for the Metropolitan Police at Barnes Garage, London.

Mrs John Spooner was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 9: Mrs G. Byworth today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother when Her Majesty, on behalf of The Queen, decorated her with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 9: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, visited the Work, Sport and Leisure seminar week at Warner Holiday Centre, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman).

Commander Alistair Watson, RN, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon visited the Lancashire East Child Protection Team at Holroyd House, Blackburn, and opened the Child Care Centre.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Lancashire (Mr Simon Towneley).

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 9: The Duke of Gloucester this evening was present at a preview of The Silent Houses of Britain exhibition at Spink and Son Ltd, 5 King Street, London SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 9: The Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Madrigal Society's 250th Anniversary Dinner at the Middle Temple Hall, London EC4.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Lord Brookes, 82; Mr A.B. Cleaver, chief executive, IBM UK Holdings, 53; Mr Aidan Crawley, former chairman, London Weekend Television, 83; Earl De La Warr, 43; Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing, 82; Mr Patrick Garland, theatre and film director, 56; the Earl of Granard, 76; Mr A.M. Henri, former president, Liverpool Academy of Arts, 59; Miss Gloria Hunniford, broadcaster, 51; Professor Kathleen Major, former principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 85; Mr Stan Mellor, racehorse trainer, 54; Mr David Moorcroft, athlete, 38; Lord Morton of Shuna, 61; Mr Robert Rhodes James, MP, 58; Mr Omar Sharif, actor, 59; Mr Paul Theroux, writer, 50.

The Earl of Cromer

A memorial service for the Right Hon the Earl of Cromer, KG, GCMG, MBE, PC, will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Thursday, May 16, 1991, at 11.30 am. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets to the Regimental Adjutant, Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, SW1E 6HQ, by Thursday, April 25.

Receptions

St Michael's College, Llandaff
The Bishop of Llandaff gave a reception last Monday evening at the college for members of the Alcuin Club.

British Red Cross
The Countess of Limerick, Chairman of the British Red Cross, presented a distinguished service medal to Lieutenant-General Sir Cameron Moffat, chief medical adviser, at a reception held yesterday at 9 Grosvenor Crescent.

Luncheon

Pensions and Investment Journalist of the Year
The Right Hon Tony Newton, OBE, MP, Secretary of State for Social Security, was the guest of honour at the 1990 Pensions and Investment Journalist of the Year Awards luncheon held yesterday at the House of Commons, where he presented Mr Barry Riley, of *The Financial Times* and Miss Jenny Harris with the main awards. Mr B. Gibson, Chief Operating Officer of the Alexander Consulting Group, presided and other guests included:

Mr David P [illegible], Mr Richard M [illegible], Mr A J Brown, Mr John [illegible], Mr Leonard W Hunnings, [illegible], Mr Brian Maguire, Mr John M Matthews, Mr Colin A [illegible], Mr A Balarathnam, Mr L [illegible], Mr M Tewkes, Mr J L [illegible] and Mr D Worthy.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the Crown Estate Heritage Centre, Bracknell, at 3.00.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a service in Westminster Abbey at 11.55 to mark the centenary of Trinity Hospice, Clapham.

The Duchess of York will visit the Defence Medical Services rehabilitation unit at RAF Headley Court at 2.00.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will open the national conference at Penns Hall Conference Centre, Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield, at 9.55 organised by the West Midlands Partnership Conference and, as Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will open the new satellite house, 107 Stratford Road, Stroud, at 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the "Sir Christopher Wren: the Making of St Paul's" exhibition at the Royal Academy at 6.45.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit British Gas, Killingworth, North Tyneside, at 10.55; Northern Rock, Gosforth, at 12.45; and Nissan Motor Manufacturing UK, Washington Road, Sunderland, at 2.50.

The Duchess of Kent will open the YMCA's Otterburn Hall, Otterburn, at 11.15; open Dolphin Court, a home for the aged, in Amble, Alnwick, at 2.15; and visit J. Barbour and Sons, Newcastle upon Tyne, at 3.40.

Supper

British Journal of Hospital Medicine
At the annual supper held last night at the Café Royal to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the *British Journal of Hospital Medicine* the Student Elective Award was presented to Christopher Quinn, of University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, by Professor John Blandy, Professor of Urology at the Royal London Hospital. Members of the editorial board, past and present, and the publishers were present. Dr Jack Tinker, the editor-in-chief, presided.

Nicholas H. Phillips

A memorial service for Nicholas H. Phillips will be held at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W1, at 11 am, on Tuesday, May 7, 1991.

Dinners

Consular Corps of London
The Lord Chancellor was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the Consular Corps of London held last night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower hotel. Mr William Wilder, Honorary Consul of Sao Tome and Principe and President of the Consular Corps, accompanied by Mrs Wilder, presided. The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Mr Stanley Martin, First Assistant Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, and Mr Lawrence Landau, Honorary Consul of Benin, also spoke. The Ambassadors of Chile, Fiji, Venezuela and Yugoslavia were among the other guests.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society
Lord Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi, was a speaker at a dinner of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street. Mrs Linda Stone, president, presided.

Among the other guests were Lady Jakobovits, Mr B. R. Rayner, Dr J. P. Griffin, Miss Sue Slipman, Dr Terry Eaves, Dr Ken Taylor, Mr K. Lawrey and Mr D. Godfrey.

Women's Advertising Club of London
Dame Shirley Porter, Leader of Westminster City Council, was the guest speaker at a dinner given by the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy Hotel last night. Miss Pamela Dimmock, president, was in the chair.

Institution of Chemical Engineers
The annual dinner of the Institution of Chemical Engineers was held last night at the Savoy Hotel. The president, Dr R.C. Paul, and council welcomed as principal guests and speakers Mr R.B. Horton, Chairman of BP, and Mr W.K. Grubman, Director of Unilever and Chemicals Co-ordinator.

London International String Quartet Competition
Mr Richard Sotnick, Chairman of the London International String Quartet Competition, and Mrs Sotnick gave a dinner last night at the RAF Club to mark the start of the competition at Goldsmiths' Hall. Among those present were Sir Yehudi Menuhin (artistic director), Professor Yfrah Neaman (artistic consultant) and other members of the international Jury, and Lord Adrian (president).

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was host at a dinner held last night on board HMS Victory for Commanders of Nato's Allied Command Atlantic. Admiral L.A. Edney, USN, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, was the guest of honour. Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Commander-in-Chief Fleet, was among others present.

OBITUARIES

ALFRED BRADLEY

Alfred Bradley, BBC radio drama producer, died on April 1 aged 65. He was born on December 15, 1925.

AS SENIOR drama producer for the BBC's north region Alfred Bradley was responsible for nurturing the talents of many playwrights who are household names today. Among the dramatists he launched during his career as radio drama producer at Leeds were Henry Livings, Alan Plater, Keith Waterhouse, Alan Ayckbourn, John Braine, Stan Barstow and Alun Owen — a tally which speaks volumes for the quality of his discernment and the force of his encouragement. His "Northern wave" of plays, originally broadcast on the old BBC Home Service and Third Programme — now radios 4 and 3, — drew attention for the first time to the wealth of writing talent in the region and created a distinctive school of radio drama. The north was given a forceful voice which has been an influence on the national consciousness ever since.

Bradley had himself trained as an actor, but production soon claimed his interest and he spent the next few years producing a wide range of rep in theatres from Brighton to Huddersfield. He spent the years, 1953 to 1959, as drama adviser to Leicestershire county council, a period in which he also founded the Leicestershire county children's theatre.

He joined the BBC in 1959, as a radio drama producer in Leeds, subsequently moving to Manchester in 1971. He was to remain a BBC employee for almost 25 years, but never in any sense ever became a corporation animal.

He had not been long at Leeds before it became apparent that something extremely valuable was being nurtured by his work there. He not only accepted, but gloried in, the fact that the production of Leeds was regional in its content and atmosphere. That meant that if a script seemed unsuitable for national use, he was able to use money from the BBC north region's coffers to put it on. This led to an upsurge of northern writing which soon made its impact on the national stage. Programmes like *Northern Drift*, a miscellany of northern writing and emerging talent which was broadcast on Sunday mornings, served decisively to put northern writing on the map.

Bradley had a reputation among the writers he encouraged for the great care he took over the scripts submitted to him. Dramatists who had been mortified by the almost insultingly dilatory acknowledgement or otherwise offhand treatment of their scripts by the better known London theatres were surprised to receive from him full letters commenting in detail about their work, even if the result was the sorrowful conclusion that what had been submitted could not be used. The rejection slip as a form of communication between human beings was anathema to him.

Bradley was also an author himself and wrote or adapted a number of plays for children: *The Scatterbrained Scarecrow of Oz*, *The Tale of the Red Dragon* and *The Emperor and the Nightingale* among them. He collaborated with Stan Barstow on the dramatisation of some of his novels — notably *Ask Me tomorrow*, *A Kind of Loving* and *Stringer's last Stand*.

He retired early in 1983 but continued to work as a freelance, directing BBC radio drama, as well as playing a full role on the many committees of which he was a member, the Arts Council's new writing and drama panels, the Royal Court Theatre's George Devine award committee, the Yorkshire Arts Association drama panel and many others. In 1985 he won the Pye Gold Award for outstanding contributions to radio and in 1986 the Giles Cooper award.

He leaves his widow, Judith, and their three sons and three daughters.

DAVE GUARD

Dave Guard, American folk musician, died of cancer in Rollinsford, New Hampshire, on March 22 aged 56. He was born in 1934.

DAVE Guard was the founder of the Kingston Trio, which had such success with its tuneful, if frankly commercial, style of folk music towards the latter end of the 1950s. Like most folk groups The Kingston Trio were heavily influenced by the Weavers and their music briefly occupied the ground between what might be called folk's "old left", represented by Pete Seeger and his colleagues, and the new, socially committed, voices such as Bob Dylan and Joan Baez, who were to dominate the 1960s. The music was essentially "clean-cut", accessible and non-problematical, a formula which could appeal to a Middle America which had previously thought of folk music as being the product of drop-outs and anti-social elements (It was to do so again as the Sixties and anti-Vietnam protest gained momentum).

"Tom Dooley" was the Kingston Trio's best and most characteristic hit. It was a mournful Southern folk song which had its origins in the years just after the American civil war. The Trio's treatment of it rubbed its rough edges off, underpinned it with a pleasant arrangement and produced one of the biggest hits of 1958. In January 1959 it gave the group a gold record and in May, in the first Grammy awards given by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, it was voted best Country and Western song of the year.

Dave Guard was born in Honolulu and educated at Stanford University, California, where he graduated in economics. He had been playing the guitar since high school, greatly taken with a Pete Seeger concert he had been to. In 1957 he got together with two students, Bob Shane and Nick Reynolds, at Menlo College, Palo Alto, to form the Kingston Trio. Though the aim had been merely to "sing for beers" the group became an almost overnight sensation, translating popularity around the Californian campuses and in music meccas like San Francisco's The Purple Onion and The Hungry i to bigtime commercial success in a matter of months. By 1960 they had a daily spot on CBS radio and had been featured in *Life* magazine.

They never had another single hit quite so resounding as "Tom Dooley", but there were many other best-selling records, notably "Greenback Dollar" and their remake of the Seeger anti-war song "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?", which, in their, highly tuneful, version seemed to have had the growl of protest removed from it. In 1960 their *The Kingston Trio at the Hungry i* became a gold album, the first of nine golds they were to notch up in a remarkably short time.

By 1961 it was almost all over for Guard, who left the group in that year. The Kingston Trio went on, but the writing was on the wall for musicians who could appeal to teenagers without being disapproved of by their parents and in 1966, with anti-war, anti-bourgeois, anti-ma and pa protest in full swing, they disbanded. A version of the trio later reformed with Bob Shane and Nick Reynolds, tapping a vein of nostalgia for the music of their first period.

Guard himself formed a new group called the Whiskeyhill Singers. It was not a great success and he subsequently spent some years in Australia where he hosted a television show. Returning to the USA in the late 1960s he wrote books on Hawaiian legends and a guitar manual and produced records by other artists, notably one of Hawaiian guitar music by a native exponent of the instrument.

SIR GEOFFREY PEACOCK

Sir Geoffrey Peacock, CVO, barrister and ceremonial officer to the City of London, died after being involved in a road accident on March 28, aged 71. He was born on February 7, 1920.

GEOFFREY Peacock was knighted by the Queen ten years ago after organising the celebrations marking the silver jubilee celebrations. At the end of the second world war he presided over the war crimes court in Singapore.

Peacock was educated at Wellington and gained a scholarship in classics to Jesus College, Cambridge, where he rowed for the college. In 1939 he joined the Royal Artillery as a private soldier ending the war as a lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment. After presiding over the war crimes court in Singapore he returned to civilian life and was called to the bar by the Inner Temple in 1948.

The following year he became a legal assistant in the solicitor's department of the Treasury, rising by 1958 to become the government's senior legal assistant. As a criminal specialist he was involved in a number of sensitive cases including the Profumo affair and an inquiry into a potentially disastrous landing of a plane of the Queen's Flight at Heathrow in 1959.

It was in his services to the City of London that Peacock was perhaps best known. He entered the Pewterers' Company in 1942, becoming a
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RANJAN WIJERATNE

Rex de Saram writes:

I FIRST met Ranjan Wijeratne (obituary, March 4) when we were both working for the British Mercantile sector in Sri Lanka (then called Ceylon) in 1963. He was a tea planter trained by the British from the age of 18 whereas I was a product of the University of Ceylon and trained in England as a chartered accountant. From the very first day I met him professionally I was impressed by his zeal, diligence and management controls which were a cut above the amateurish management tools employed by the old school tie brigade.

I got to know him well in the intervening years and although I left Ceylon in 1968 to work in England we kept in touch and met on my visits to the island. In December last year I visited Sri Lanka and assisted him on an honorary basis for a period of two months in the privatisation of the sugar industries. During this time I met him two or three times a week and I was impressed by his honesty, integrity, his compassion and his humanity. These qualities were not known to the media who only chose to remember him as a "security hawk".

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James V of Scotland, reigned 1513-42, Linlithgow, 1512; John Wilmot, 2nd Earl of Rochester, poet and courtier, Ditchley, Oxon, 1647; Sir John Pringle, physician, president of the Royal Society 1772, Stitchel, Roxburgh, 1707; Samuel Hahnemann, physician, founder of homoeopathic medicine, Meissen, Germany, 1755; William Hazlitt, Maidstone, 1778; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, Nottingham, 1829; George William Russell ('AE'), writer, Lurgan, co Armagh, 1867; George Arliss, actor, London, 1868.

DEATHS: Alexander Nasmyth, painter, Edinburgh, 1840; Giovanni Amici, astronomer, Florence, 1863; Algernon Charles Swinburne, London, 1909; August Lumière, pioneer of motion pictures, Lyons, 1954; Evelyn Waugh, Combe Florey, Somerset, 1966.

First British settlers arrived in South Africa, at Algoa Bay, 1820.

Lawrence portrait home to Devon

A portrait of Lady Acland and her two sons by Sir Thomas Lawrence (1769-1830) has been acquired by the National Trust for Killerton, the Acland family estate near Exeter, Devon.

The picture is returning home through a private treaty sale arranged by Sotheby's. It was acquired with money from the Harmsworth Bequest and will hang alongside a portrait of Lady Acland's husband which has always remained at the house.

The late Sir Richard Acland, Liberal MP for Barnstaple in 1935, handed the estate over to the trust in 1943.

Thomas Stanley Matthews

A memorial service for Thomas Stanley Matthews, MA, will be held in New College Chapel, Oxford, on Saturday, April 27, 1991, at 3.30 pm.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr R.D. Aldrich
and Miss E.C. Hall**
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Commander David Aldrich, and the late Rosie Aldrich, of Wincanton, Somerset, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hall, of Horley, Surrey.

**Mr J.R.D. Anderson
and Ms A.T. Saunders**
The engagement is announced between John Roskruge Darnley, son of Lieutenant-Commander T.K.D. Anderson, RN, retd, and Mrs Anderson, of South Brent, Devon, and Annabel Treais, elder daughter of John and Leni Saunders, of Sheepstor, Devon.

**Mr G.D. Assim
and Miss D-M. Cullen**
The engagement is announced between Gary, son of Mr N. Assim, of Winchmore Hill, London, and Mrs J.K. Assim, of Enfield, Middlesex, and Donna-Maria, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Cullen, of Brentwood, Essex.

**Mr A.W. Bellers
and Miss S-L. Voon**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs W.R. Bellers, of Lustleigh, Devon and Su-Ling, daughter of Mr L.C. Voon, of Dorchester Gardens, London, and Dr D. Thomson, of Chelsea Embankment, London.

**Mr J.P. Berry
and Miss V.L.S. Evans**
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Berry, of Dormans Park, Sussex, and Vanessa, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Richard Seaton Evans, of Avon Dassett, Warwickshire.

**Comte Bernard de Castellane
and Lady Charlotte-Anne
Montagu Douglas Scott**
The engagement is announced between Bernard, son of Comte and Comtesse Albert de Castellane, and Charlotte-Anne, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry.

**Mr J.R. Brill
and Miss N.A.C. Bueno**
The engagement is announced between Jonathon, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Brill, of Westcott, Surrey, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr Antonio Bueno, QC, and Mrs Bueno, of Kensington, London.

**Mr T.J. Gardner
and Miss C.J. Edwards**
The engagement is announced between Tim, younger son of the late Lieutenant-Commander Nigel Gardner, DSC, and Mrs Brian Till, of The Granary, Piddletrenthide, Dorset, and Camilla, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Edwards, of Low Walworth Hall, Darlington, Co Durham.

**Mr M.G.R. Hannay
and Miss F.M. Parker**
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Professor and Mrs David R. Hannay, of Kirkdale, Wigtownshire, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Parker, of Skelmorlie, Ayrshire.

**Mr S.J. Lomax
and Miss A.H. Clare**
The engagement is announced between Steven, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Lomax, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, and Alison, second daughter of Mr and Mrs George Clare, of Effingham, Surrey.

**Mr C.G. McAndrew
and The Hon Polly Vaizey**
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Nicolas McAndrew, of Blairquhosh House, Blanefield, Stirlingshire, and Polly, only daughter of the late Lord Vaizey and of Lady Vaizey, of Chiswick, London, W4.

**Mr M.G. Thompson
and Miss E.J.B. Whiteley**
The engagement is announced between Michael Gavin, elder son of Mr Guy Thompson, of Castletown, Isle of Man, and Mrs Dorothy Thompson, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Emma Jane Bawtree, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.K. Whiteley, of Cornbrash Farm, Dallington, East Sussex.

**Mr T.I.D. McNeil
and Miss A.L. Curran**
The engagement is announced between Torquil, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ian McNeil, of Burwash, East Sussex, and Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Curran, of Westhumble, Surrey.

**Mr V. Runham
and Miss S.J. Dale-Thomas**
The engagement is announced from Australia between Vivian, son of Dr and Mrs Norman Runham, of Llandegfan, Gwynedd, and Stephanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Dale-Thomas, of Taunton, Somerset.

Marriages

**Mr B.B.R. Driscoll
and Miss D.J. Evans**
The marriage took place at St Mary's Church, Stellenbosch, South Africa, on March 16, 1991, of Berkley Driscoll, son of Kevin and Anna Driscoll, of Lusaka, Zambia, to Deborah Jane Evans, daughter of Mrs Connie Irwin.

**Mr N.E. Rebbeck
and Miss L. Conner**
A service of blessing was held at St Mary's Church, Iping, after the marriage in Chichester, on Friday, April 5, between Mr Nicholas Edward Rebbeck, younger son of the late Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Rebbeck, CB, KBE, and the late Lady Rebbeck, and Miss Lindsay Conner, daughter of the late Mr Cyril Conner and of Mrs M.I. Conner, of Lovehill House, Trotton, Midhurst.

**Mr S.J. Wilson
and Ms J.L.S. Barbour**
The marriage took place on Wednesday, April 3, 1991, at St Stephen's Church, Moortown, Leeds, between Mr Stephen Wilson, son of Dr Richard and Mrs Penny Wilson, of Dublin, and Ms Jane Barbour, daughter of the Rev Walter and the Rev Jenny Barbour. The mother of the bride officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and attended by Ms Sheryl Webb. Mr Peter Wilson was best man.

Horticulture

Gold medal fo a green daffodi

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDE

THE most unusual daffodil at the Royal Horticultural Society's spring show must surely be a green variety with star-shaped flowers named 'Greenstar', being shown by J. Walker's Bulbs, of Weston Hills, Lincolnshire. The growers, who won a gold medal for the exhibit, feel it will appeal to flower arrangers.

Clive Postles, of Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, was also awarded a gold medal for a fine mixed collection of quality blooms.

A new exhibitor is Constable Daffodils, of Farnham, Surrey, displaying some excellent little-known varieties raised by a retired Cornish daffodil grower, including pure white large-cupped 'Tamar Snow'.

Mrs J. Abel Smith, of Letty Green, Hertfordshire, is featuring one of her newest daffodils: 'Desert Orchid', named after the racehorse. This large-cupped variety has a white cup and primrose-yellow petals.

Irish grower Carncairn Daffodils, of Ballymena, Co Antrim, is showing "red" daffodils which are popular, including 'Creagh Dubh' and, a new introduction for this year, 'Bailey', both deep orange large-cupped varieties. Carncairn made its name with the cyclamineus hybrid 'Foundling' which has a pink cup and white petals, so naturally this charming miniature is well to the fore.

Brian Duncan, of Omagh, Co Tyrone, specialises in novelty and exhibition daffodils and his display includes some striking pink and white double varieties: 'Pink Pageant', 'Pink Paradise' and 'Post House'.

Many other exhibits have a strong spring theme including that of Blackthorn Nursery, of Alresford, Hampshire, which has moved from its earlier and popular displays of hellebores to
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The show, in the Old an
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Square and Greycoat
Westminster, is open
from 10 am to 5 pm.

Appointment

Mr Justice Judge to
member of the Main Bo
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BEAR - On April 7th 1991, peacefully at Brendoncare, Froxfield, Wiltshire. Adelaide Vera Bear, of Hove. Widow of K.W. Bear. Much loved sister of Norman, mother of Patricia and Moyra. Grandmother of Fiona, Bridget and Jackie, Vanessa and Gavin and great-grandmother of Daniel and Esther. Funeral Service at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon, 2 pm, Tuesday April 16th. Sheaves of flowers to the Undertaker, Thomas Free, The Parade, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

BROWN - On April 8th, peacefully at home, Douglas, beloved husband of Catherine, dearly loved father of Sheila, Nicholas and Christina, beloved father-in-law and grandpa to Lyca, Christopher, Alix and Mark. Funeral Mass followed by interment at St Patrick's, Walthamstow, on Wednesday April 17th at 12 noon. No flowers by request.

CAMPBELL ELLIS - On April 5th 1991, peacefully at home at Abbeyfield House, Radlett, aware and full of faith to the end, Emily Mabel Murray, aged 93, widow of Henry (Cam) and last surviving daughter of the late Colonel and the late Mrs Murray Hilton: adored cousin, godmother and friend. Cremation on Monday April 15th 1991 at 3 pm at West Hertfordshire Crematorium, High Elms Lane, Garston, Watford. No flowers please but donations if desired to the Time and Talents Association, 12 Milner Street, London SW3 2PU. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held in Radlett Parish Church at 11 am on Wednesday May 1st 1991.

CARLISLE - On Saturday, April 6th 1991 Irene (née Orr), widow of Denzil, mother of Anthony and Jenny and grandmother of Serena and Timothy, peacefully in her sleep. Funeral Service at St John's, Blindley Heath on Monday, April 15th at 2 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only please but donations to Save the Children or LEPRA.

CLAPHAM - On April 8th, suddenly after only 20 days, Victoria Caroline Lucy, much loved daughter of Rosie and John and sister to Davina, Charles and James. Funeral private, family flowers only.

CRAIG ADAMS - On April 8th, peacefully at West Park Hospital, Epsom; Major Ian Maxwell. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, Monday April 15th, 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Garth Ward, West Park Hospital.

CRAWSHAW - On April 4th, peacefully at home, Sir Daniel Crawshaw Kt., aged 87. Much loved husband of Rosemary, father of Edward, Morwenna, Benjamin (deceased) and Veryan and grandfather of their many children. Private cremation has taken place. No flowers but donations, if desired, to 'Bell's Piece Cheshire Home, Farnham,' c/o Ayling's, 25-27 South Road, Guildford, GU2 6NY. Evensong at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Sunday May 5th at 6.30 pm will be in his memory.

CULLEN - On April 8th 1991, peacefully at her home, Ballasalla, Isle of Man, Kathleen, aged 78 years. Widow of Brian and greatly loved mother of Pat, Biple and Tim and a much loved grandmother. Funeral Service takes place on Friday April 12th at 2 pm at Malew Parish Church, followed by cremation at Douglas Crematorium. No flowers by request, but donations in lieu to I.O.M. Anti-Cancer Association c/o Mrs Caroline Convery, Barclays Bank PLC, Douglas, I.O.M.

DIMSON - On April 4th 1991, peacefully after a long illness courageously borne, Dr. Samuel Barnet Dimson, MD, FRCP, aged 83. Dearly loved husband of Gladys, father of Wendy and grandfather of Richard and Susannah.

GOOD - On April 7th 1991, Elsie (Meg), peacefully at Eastwood Lodge, Stanhope Avenue, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, in her 99th year, the last of her generation. Funeral Service at Fiskerton Church on Friday April 12th at 12.20 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers or letters please.

GOULDEN - On April 6th, in Leicester, Nancye, widow of Gontran, dearly beloved mother of Oliver, Nicholas and Elisabeth, grandmother of Charles, Kate, Jane, Judy, Polly, William and Daniel, great-grandmother of Simon. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Hammersmith, Monday April 15th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations to The Leicestershire Hospice, Leicester.

GRICE - On April 7th 1991, peacefully at home at Nutley, East Sussex, after a long illness, Frances June, aged 51, dearly loved wife of Michael and devoted mother of Charlotte and daughter of Nellie Peacock, of Beckenham. Funeral at Fletching Parish Church, Friday April 12th at 11.45 am. Donations, if desired, to St Catharine's Hospice, Crawley, West Sussex.

HILLS - On April 7th 1991, as the result of a motor car accident, David Charles Brice, of Witney, Oxon., aged 27 years, a much loved and very loving son and brother who was proud to be a Thames Valley Police Officer. Funeral Service at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Shipton-under-Wychwood, on Friday April 12th at 12 noon. Flowers or if preferred donations for Stepney Children's Fund c/o Sole Funeral Service, Bidston Close, Over Norton, Oxon. OX7 5PP.

HOWARTH - On April 8th, in a nursing home, Lady Ingrid Greta Lilian, MBE, aged 88, widow of Sir Edward Howarth KBE, CB, MBE and last surviving child of Gustav and Theresa Prytz.

LEGARD - On April 7th 1991, Muriel, aged 94 years. Much loved aunt of John and great-aunt of Robin, Joanna and Hilary. Cremation private, followed by service at Huttons Ambo Church on Monday April 15th at 3 pm. Family flowers only.

McDOUGALL-MORRISON - On April 6th 1991, in hospital, Thomas Cecil (Jock). Adored father of Ulrica, grandfather of Eleanor and Tom and friend to many. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at Ringwood Parish Church on Monday April 15th at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request. Donations for Cancer Relief may be sent to A.E. Jolliffe & Son Funeral Directors, 17 Victoria Road, Ferndown, Dorset. tel: (0202) 872050.

MILLAR - On April 8th 1991, peacefully at his home after a long illness, Norman Kinnaird Millar T.D. Beloved husband of Sidonie. Private funeral. Donations, if desired, to the Musicians Benevolent Fund, 16 Ogle Street, London W1P 7LG.

MURPHY - On April 6th, early, Leo Joseph Alban, with courage and determination; loved husband of Julia and very loving father of Nicola, David and Louise. Private cremation. Service for family and friends at St Andrew's Church, Old Headington, on Friday April 12th at 3 pm. Donations in his memory to Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford.

NUTTALL - On April 6th 1991, suddenly in Devon, Charles Ernest Nuttall, of Woodley, Cheshire, aged 96, beloved husband of the late Frances Marguerite and father of Bob and Mary, father-in-law of Irene, grandfather of Julia and Alison and great-grandfather of Christopher. Funeral at 3.30 pm on Friday April 12th at Stockport Crematorium. No flowers, but donations to Cheshire Masonic Charities or The Heart, Chest and Stroke Association.

PASSANT - On April 8th 1991, Audrey (née Barrow), widow of Ernest James and dear mother of Jill and Susan. Cremation at Putney Vale on Monday April 15th at 10.45 am. No flowers please but donations to Help the Aged.

PURSER - On April 5th, suddenly, Bill, aged 78, dearly loved husband of Marion and the late Mary, loving father of Elizabeth and Christopher and much loved by all the family. Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium, 11.15 am, Tuesday April 16th. Service of Thanksgiving, St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury, 2.30 pm on April 16th. Family flowers only. Donations for British Heart Foundation or St Peter's Church to G.E. Johnson & Son (Funeral Directors), 41/45 High Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

ST CLAIR-FORD - On April 8th 1991, peacefully at home, Captain Sir Aubrey St Clair-Ford Bt., D.S.O., Royal Navy ret'd. Beloved husband of Anne and much loved father of Jim and Julia. Private cremation, followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Fordingbridge, at 12 noon on Friday April 12th. No flowers please, but donations to RNLI, c/o John Shering, 15 Provost Street, Fordingbridge, would be appreciated.

TAYLOR - On April 7th, Geoffrey James Ingram (Jimmy). Husband of Angie and father of Mishkin, Milly, Mima, Henry and Martha. Funeral Service on Tuesday April 16th at 12 noon at St Mary's Church, Bepton, nr. Midhurst, West Sussex.

THRELFALL - On April 6th, Bryony, peacefully in Wells. We will all miss her very much. No flowers. Donations please to Wells Hospital Support Group.

TRAVIS - On April 3rd 1991, Robin, cherished husband and father of Glenys, Emily and Richard; son of the late Edna and Harold Travis of Oldham and son-in-law to Hilda and Deulwyn Bevan of Wrexham. Former pupil at Derker Junior School: Oldham and Manchester Grammar School; graduated from University College, Oxford, in 1966 and was called to the Bar. He will be remembered as a colleague of all at Thos. R. Miller & Son and of their associates world-wide. The funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church, Ashwell (near Baldock, Herts) on Saturday April 13th 1991 at 2.30 pm. Please, if you would like, send donations in his memory to the British Heart Foundation or the RNLI, c/o the funeral directors, Clarabut & Plumbe, 11 Kingsway, Bedford MK42 9BJ. (tel: 0234 354547); but otherwise family flowers only.

WALFORD - On April 8th, Naomi, of West Porlock, Somerset, dear friend of Diana and sister of Phyllida. Funeral Service at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Monday April 15th at 3 o'clock. No flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to the Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margaret Street, London WC1X 0JL.

WIESNER - On April 9th 1991, peacefully at Kyle House, Woodbridge, Dr. Mary Wiesner, aged 86. Late of Pin Mill, Suffolk. Much loved mother of Ruth and Jonathan. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Erwarton, near Shotley, on Friday April 12th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to Alzheimers Disease Society, 158/160 Balham High Road, London, SW12 9BN.

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PEARSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Hugh will be held on Monday April 22nd at 2 pm at Uniting Church, Whaley Bridge. If wished, donations to Oxfam in his memory may be made to National Westminster Bank, Whaley Bridge.

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COPE — Jessie. The consecration of the tombstone for the late Mrs Jessie Cope will be held on Sunday April 14 1991 at 10.30am at Willesden Jewish Cemetery. She was a kind and gentle lady. May she rest in peace.

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DATED this 26th day of March 1991
N J Hamilton-Smith
Liquidator

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IN THE MATTER OF
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In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, and Peter Lomas, Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD both Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above Company by the members and creditors on 23rd April 1990.
DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL 1990
Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, Joint Liquidator, Leonard Curtis & Co, Chartered Accountants P.O. Box 55 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF and Peter Lomas, Joint Liquidator, Poppleton & Appleby 32 High Stret, Manchester M4 1QD.

IN THE MATTER OF
LOGEXIS LTD
Trading As LAMBA AUTOS
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 28th March 1991
DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 1991
Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, Liquidator, Leonard Curtis & Co. Chartered Accountants P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF.

IN THE MATTER OF
DAWSON & SWANEY LTD
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 2nd April 1991
DATED THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 1991
Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, Liquidator, Leonard Curtis & Co Chartered Accountants P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF.

CDH Associates Limited
-In Administrative Receivership-
Registered Number: 1911830

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 24th April 1991 at 14.30 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 23rd April 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
G A Auger
Joint Administrative Receiver

CRIBVALE LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at the office of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London, on the 18th day of April 1991 at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on by or under the Act.

Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
a. they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and
b. there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Date this 27th day of March 1991
V M Bairstow and
N H Cooper
Joint Administrative Receivers

ENSHELL LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace., (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Thursday, the 18th day of April, 1991 at 3.30 pm for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 2nd day of April 1991
P GREIG
Director

LEGAL NOTICES

ASCOTS LEISURE LIMITED
Trading as
BROADWAY BOULEVARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Wednesday, the 17th day of April 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors
Dated the 2nd day of April 1991
E LYONS
Director

IN THE MATTER OF
R CASTELL & CO LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, JOHN CHARLES HEATH of HAINES WATTS INSOLVENCY SERVICES, 51 Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8PP was appointed Liquidator of the said Company on the 27th March 1991 by the Members.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 27th day of May 1991, to send in their full forenames and surname their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned John Charles Heath Haines Watts Insolvency Services 51 Gray's Inn Road London WC1X 8PP the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 27th day of March 1991
J C HEATH
Liquidator
N.B. This Notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full

IN THE MATTER OF
MACANDREWS & FORBES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

I, David John Pallen of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU hereby give notice that on 28th March 1991 I was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company.

Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above Company are required, on or before 30th April 1991, to send in their full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to me and if so required by notice in writing from me, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved
Dated this 5th day of April 1991
D.J. PALLEN
Liquidator
NOTE: This notice is purely formal. All known Creditors have been or will be paid in full but if any person considers he has a claim against the Company he should send in his claim forthwith.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Pursuant to Section 46(1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 3.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986

Name of Company: Palmrad Limited.
Registration Number: 2340659.
Formerly: N/A
Which Traded Under the Names Of: N/A
Nature of Business: Property Ownership.
Trade Classification: 23.

We, Ladislav Hornan (office holder no: 2069) and Frank Stansil (office holder no: 2662) of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Palmrad Limited on 27th March 1991 by Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corp. under the powers contained in a debenture dated 11th July 1989 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over all the assets of the company.

Assets of the company of which the person appointed is not made receiver: N/A.
Dated: 27th March 1991
Ladislav Hornan

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HARMAC PAINTS LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP AND IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 95 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above company will be held at Sachas Hotel, Tib Street, Piccadilly, Manchester M4 1PQ at 10am on 15 April 1991 for the purposes provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Information concerning the company or its affairs will be available free of charge from the offices of I J Allan a licenced insolvency practitioner, of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 2EP during the period up to the meeting of creditors.
DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL 1991
I J Allan
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
VAZGROVE LIMITED

Registered number 1266578. Nature of business Metal Stockholders and Distributors. Trade Classification 16 Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 12 March 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers Ladislav Hornan and Frank Stansil (office holder nos. 2069 and 2662 respectively. Address C/O Hacker Young and Partners St Alphage House 2 Fore Street London EC2Y 5DH.

Notice of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
OSCA PLC

Registered Number 01809284. Nature of Business Provision of consultancy and marketing services. Trade classification 38. Date of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers 28 March 1991 Name of person appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers Ensign Trust Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers John Stewart Baird and Edwin David Stanley Kirker (Office holder nos. 1074 and 060) of New Garden House 78 Hatton Garden London EC1N 8JA

POMEGRANATE PUBLISHING LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ on 26 April 1991 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Shelley House 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm on 24th and 25th April 1991.
Dated 5th April 1991
By Order of the Board
Roger J Cox
Director

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
NEWSPAPERS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
C GUNARY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS on Monday, 15 April 1991 at 11.00 a.m., for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at No 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Wednesday, 10 April 1991 and Thursday, 11 April 1991.

Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account and (unless attending in person) a proxy at No 1 Riding House Street London, W1A 3AS no latter than 12 noon on Friday, 12 April 1991. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By order of the Board.
W M A GUNARY
Director
4 April 1991

SHU-BIZ LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held on 25th April 1991 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 3rd day of April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P. SIMMONS
Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SLOANGATE LIMITED
SLOANGATE RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING LIMITED
TAVNERSTAR LIMITED
JAB EXECUTIVE SEARCH LIMITED
(ALL IN RECEIVERSHIP)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at Bridford House, 11 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DE at 10 am on 15 April 1991.

In order for creditors to be able to vote, details of their claims must be lodged at 28 New Street Square, London EC4A 3LN, not later than 12 noon on 12 April 1991. In addition, a form of proxy must also be lodged prior to the meeting.
4th April 1991
L J BAEHR
Joint Administrative Receiver

TUDOR COLLECTION LTD
Trading As BRITISH BATHROOM CENTRE
Company Number: 1639788

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA and STEPHEN DANIEL SWADEN, FCA OF Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Wednesday, 27th March, 1991 by Midland Bank Plc under the powers contained in a Debenture incorporating a Fixed and Floating dated 10th July, 1989.
Dated the 27th day of March 1991
K.D. GOODMAN, FCA and
S.D. SWADEN, FCA JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS

ON THIS DAY 1950

…pe "breathtaking" has …pplied to the dancing of …t he also has his place …as a choreographer of …ginality, notably in Le …rintemps to music by … which, on its first … caused an uproar.

VASLAV …IJINSKY

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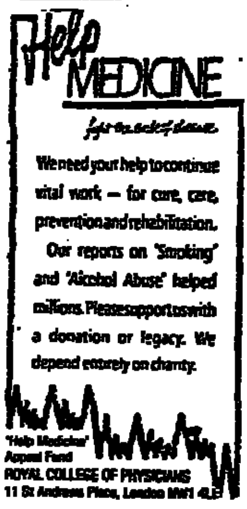
…nsky was born of Polish …v on February 28, 1890, …neration of a family of …arents sought to enter …perial school of dancing …urg when he was only …old, but he was then considered too young and had to wait three years before he was admitted. His astonishing gifts even then — the poise, the precision, the expressiveness, and, above all, the utterly unexpected muscular power of his movements — startled Nicholas Legat, in whose charge he was placed.

In 1906, two years before his time, Nijinsky entered the Marinsky theatre and made his *début* in the following year as the Marquis in Fokine's *Le Pavillon d'Armide*. He made a considerable stir from the very beginning, wholly traditional though his style of dancing was and for some time continued to be. Through Fokine, Nijinsky found his own style of movement and gesture. It was in May, 1909, that Diaghilev brought the "Russian Ballet" with its great roll of echoing names to Paris for the first time. Paris was taken by storm in a night. In the classical simplicity of *Le Pavillon d'Armide* and *Les Sylphides* and in the folk-dancing of *Le Festin* Nijinsky was irresistible. "All London" similarly capitulated to him when Diaghilev's company came to Covent Garden in 1911. The audience rose as a single man to him, enthralled by his *élévation* in *Le Spectre de la Rose*, which was in the nature of a *pas de deux* with Karsavina.

In the following year he made his *début* as choreographer — a choreographer of genius but of infinitely slow and careful method — in *L'Aprés-Midi d'un Faune*. Here, in a masterpiece of fidelity to the spirit of the classical Greek frieze, was a break with tradition indeed. So with *Le Sacre du Printemps* next year, in which he evoked with brilliantly illuminated insight the primitive religious instinct. In face of the outraged protestations which it called forth, Nijinsky was content to assert his indifference to "nightingale and rose poetry."

To the year 1913 belong his fatal quarrel with Diaghilev and his marriage to Romola de Pulszky, the daughter of a celebrated Hungarian actress. The unsuccessful season of his own in London followed; then his internment in Hungary after the outbreak of war in 1914, his release, his visit to America, and the progressive symptoms of mental disorder, to which the war itself apparently contributed not a little; then a last dance at St Moritz in 1918.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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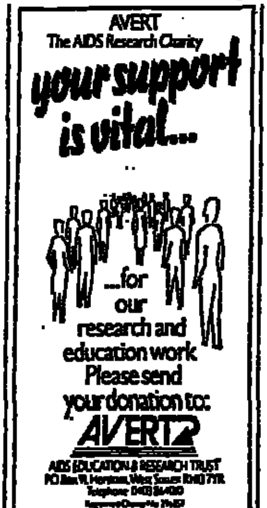
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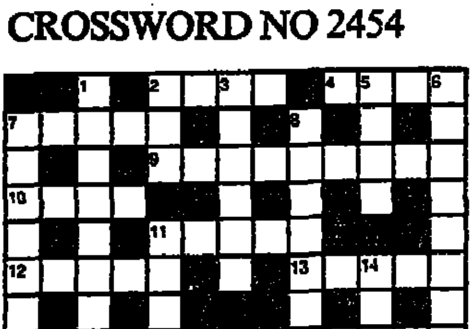

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in New York's justice system. Electrifying performances (Nick Nolte, Armand Assante), though the end result carries less punch than expected. Director, Sidney Lumet.
Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ QUIGLEY DOWN UNDER (12): Tom Selleck as a 19th-century sharp-shooter protecting aborigines in the outback. Lazy Aussie Western with a dog-eared script. Laura San Giacomo; director, Simon Wincer.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tsilla Chelton. Director, Etienne Chatiliez.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful; director, Tristram Powell.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆ AWAKENINGS (12): Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients stricken with paralysis.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE BIG STEAL (15): Mild Australian comedy. Teenagers dominate, but Steve Bisley (an unscrupulous car dealer) gets the best laughs. Director, Nadia Tass.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly visualised, but windy drama, from the *My Left Foot* team.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Minema (071-235 4225) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

GOLDEN BRAID (15): Paul Cox's fetchingly strange tale of a clock repairer's obsession with a braid of hair, adapted from de Maupassant. Chris Haywood, Gosia Dobrowolska.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ THE GODFATHER PART III (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga, handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia, Talia Shire.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ KING RALPH (PG): Thin, boring vehicle for the burly John Goodman — a genial American slob who ascends the British throne. Starring Peter O'Toole.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family, depicted by master caricaturist Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving; with Alison Steadman.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria, starring Maynard Eziashi.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

◆ MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith. Strenuous, implausible thriller; director, John Schlesinger.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy, with a few tears, from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress; Shirley MacLaine as her mother. Director, Mike Nichols.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ THE *CURE* AT TROY:
Seamus Heaney's version of *Philoctetes* for *Field Day*. A raw drama of trust, duty and betrayal that transcends the ages from Ancient Greece to Ulster.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 20mins. Closes April 27.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's haunting memory-play sets catholic prudery up against pagan ecstasy. Alec McCowen and Dublin's Abbey Theatre.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard stuff: mistresses, cover-ups and all that.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

▨ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist for a limited run.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins. Closes May 25.

☐ KIT AND THE WIDOW LAVISHLY MOUNTED!: Urbane cabaret from Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Sissons wittily pointing the finger at politics and culture.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time: 2hrs. Closes April 13.

■ THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN: The first of the Don Juan plays, by Tirso de Molina, with Linus Roache a thrilling rake.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2pm and 7.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins.

☐ MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Roger Allam and Susan Fleetwood sparring in Bill Alexander's eloquent production. Opening night.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2pm and 7.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins.

☐ MY LOVELY . . . SHAYNA MAIDEL: An Auschwitz survivor meets the American half of her family: Anita Dobson in an accomplished and powerful play.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ OUR OWN KIND: Charlotte Coleman as a bright school girl caught up in a racial murder: Roy MacGregor's promising first play with excellent girl-talk.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins. Closes April 27.

▨ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 9800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

☐ TIMON OF ATHENS: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn that enlivens Shakespeare's blank spots.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins. Closes April 20.

☐ THE TRACKERS OF OXYRHYNCHUS: Tony Harrison's brilliant version of a Greek satyr play.
National (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. Running time: 1hr 50mins. Last performances.

☐ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's production stresses comedy and motive: with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

☐ VICTORY: No punches pulled in Howard Barker's demolition of Charles II.
Greenwich Theatre, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). British Rail: Greenwich. Today-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Closes Saturday.

▨ THE VISIT: Théâtre de Complicité triumph in Dürrenmatt's black comedy.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, Sat, 2.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ▨ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ▨ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ▨ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-437 3686) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . ▨ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) . . . ▨ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

AGON: The Royal Ballet returns to London with a revival of Balanchine's exhilaratingly taut work to Stravinsky music, on a bill with Ashton's *A Month in the Country* and MacMillan's *Requiem* set to Fauré's score.
Royal Ballet, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT: Ivan Fischer conducts the period instrument orchestra in a complete performance of Beethoven's *Egmont*, preceded by his Violin Concerto, with soloist Monica Huggett.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET COMPETITION: 25 young quartets, whose combined age must not exceed 120 years, begin competition today with the finals on Sunday. The performers come from China, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Italy, the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain, with the winners performing the world premiere of Quartet No 3 by Panufnik.
Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, London EC2 (071-726 0918), 9am-10pm. Sunday sold out.

DAYS OF HOPE: Howard Goodall's latest musical about the Spanish Civil War arrives in London after a nationwide run. Una Stubbs and John Turner star in this joint commission by Hampstead Theatre and Oxford Stage Company, with OSC's John Retallack directing.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, London NW3 (071-722 9301), 071-722 9301l, 8pm.

KENNY DAVERN: Jazz clarinettist from New York whose stage persona is a mixture of Pee Wee Russell and Groucho Marx.
Pizza Express, Dean Street, London W1 (071-437 9595).

VAN GOGH TO PICASSO: The Berggruen Collection contains 41 superb Picassos from all periods of his career, 14 Seurats and fine Cézannes, Van Goghs and Braques, all of which are on long-term loan to the National Gallery. First they are shown all together, then after April dispersed among the Gallery's own collection for at least five years.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321), 10am-6pm, until April 21.

CERI RICHARDS: Many of Ceri Richards' most characteristic later works were related to Dylan Thomas's poetry. The complete set of 12 lithographs in his Dylan Thomas Suite (1965) is shown here, along with related sketches.
Curwen Gallery, 4 Windmill Street, London W1 (071-636 1459), 10am-5.30pm, until April 20.

SCOTTISH BALLET: Continuing the tour of Peter Darrell's version of *Swan Lake*, the company performs at this venue until Saturday.
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen (0224 637788), 7.45pm.

BALLET RAMBERT: Southampton receives the first performance of Siobhan Davies's *Plain Song*, a work to three early piano pieces by Satie, prior to its London premiere next week. Included in the touring repertoire are Alston's latest piece Rough Cut, Cunningham's *Doubles* and another work by Davies, *Embarque*.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.30pm.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC: Alexander Lazarev, music director of the Bolshoi Opera, directs the RLPO and soprano Anne Evans in excerpts from Wagner's *Twilight of the Gods*, preceded by Strauss's Death and Transfiguration and Mozart's Violin Concerto No 5 in A, K219 (with soloist Mark Kaplan).
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool (051-709 3789), 7.30pm.

TOP GIRLS: Caryl Churchill's play about the price of success, first performed in 1982, is revived at the same theatre in a production by Max Stafford-Clark. Previews start tonight, with the first night on Monday.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554), 8pm.

OSIAN ELLIS: The celebrated harpist gives the first of five recitals with the Northern Chamber Orchestra, the programme including works by Damase and Saint-Saëns.
Bowdon Rooms, The Firs, Bowdon, Cheshire (061-941 5645), 7.30pm.

HALLE: Polish conductor Tadeusz Strugala makes his debut with the Hallé, in the first of three concerts. The programme features Polish composer Stanislaw Moniuszko's *Halka* overture, soloist John Lill in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony in F minor.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), 7.30pm.

Bizet in fresher clothing

MUSICAL

Carmen Jones
Old Vic

Gregg Baker as Miller, Damon Evans as Joe and Wilhelmenia Fernandez as Carmen in *Carm*

MARI

THE plant life in the London commercial theatre is pretty sparse and limp just now. But Simon Callow's mostly splendid production leaves one corner of the garden looking much lusher. Since the tunes are by Bizet, and Oscar Hammerstein's book follows the general line of Meilhac and Halévy's story, it is hardly surprising that the evening maintains a strong hold both on the ears and on the parts in between. But you could go from Drury Lane to Her Majesty's to the Adelphi without finding the same energy or the same class of singing.

Some might argue that the all-black cast would be better employed in the original opera. If colour-blind casting is acceptable in Shakespeare, why not in Bizet? Moreover, Hammerstein's adaptation is itself somewhat dated, since it is set in 1943 and starts in a Southern parachute warehouse. Yet this makes for a less Ruritanian, more recognisable array of characters than all those bandits and gypsies. And had Bizet seen what the Viennese and other revisionists did to *Carmen* soon after his death, he might have been grateful for what, in both senses of the word, is Hammerstein's freshness.

Don José becomes Joe, in Damon Evans's performance a pretty gentle, naive sort, considering he is a military policeman. Confronted with Wilhelmenia Fernandez's predatory Carmen, he at first reacts nervously, gulping and swallowing and avoiding her gaze as he crams pencils and paper into his briefcase. But the innocence and vulnerability pay dividends, since they help explain his increasingly mesmerised, stricken looks, as of some rodent trapped by a cat. From that it is a logical enough step to the mooching, desolate figure he cuts in Chicago, where Carmen has lured and abandoned him. For Evans's Joe, life has become one long, dull, obsessive ache.

This is a touching if understated performance; and if it is not quite as impressively sung as Fernandez's Carmen, it is largely because the vocal challenges are less great. She enters in an army jeep, lolls with a Coke on its bonnet, and proceeds to swoop boldly up and down the musical scale, exuding a sexuality which, even when she is provocatively fingering and stroking her prey, seems entirely effortless. Perhaps she misses the wildness, the anarchy in the role. But a dangerous assurance is there, with a callous narcissism; and her evolution into a bitch in furs is perfectly plausible.

Callow shifts the action from his fretwork warehouse to a gaudy nightclub to a Chicago mansion (the cast all in whites and blacks) to the outside of a corrugated-iron stadium. His handling of the crowd fretfully awaiting the boxer Husky Miller, as Escamillo has become, is particularly adept. But some effects are too broad, indeed too Broadway. No song should end with Carmen atop a pyramid of tiresomely comic s
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BENEDICT NIGH

THEATRE

Cat With Green Violin
Orange Tree, Richmond

LOUIS Wain drew cats, hundreds of cats and nothing but cats. Cats playing tennis, operatic cats singing arias, thirsty cats pouring cups of tea. After 30 years of this his wits finally turned and he passed the rest of his life in asylums, drawing cats to the end. Several of his latter drawings are exhibited at the Maudsley Hospital in a sequence purporting to show the marked stages of schizophrenic breakdown.

Jane Coles, author of the first new play at the new Orange Tree, disagrees with this assumption, arguing that Wain was drawing abstract cats in his early years and recognisable cats at the end. She may have a point, but it is not a dramatic point, and is one of too many she scatters into a play that, at three hours, is too long.

Another of her concerns is the plight of spinsters in late Victorian England, where she finds a more fruitful subject. Wain had five sisters, none of whom married. Four were modestly eccentric but the youngest was reported for 11 murders on the beach at Westgate, before preceding her brother to the bin, suffering from delusions of leprosy. Clearly this was no run-of-the-mill family and it is a pity Coles offers no clues to the causes of their troubles, limiting herself to the symptoms as they emerge in bizarre but always genteel exchanges over the tea table or the sewing basket.

Even outsiders fall in with their odd mode of talk. Oliver Beamish's demure young doctor, wishing to learn how old Mr Wain died, asks, "Was he poisoned with food?" By such language tricks Coles builds up the picture of a community that leaks lunacy at most points.

Though there are 23 characters and only eight members of cast, the role-sharing never leads to confusion. It even contributes to the portrait Coles draws of Wain's mental unhingement,
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JEREMY KIN

THEATRE

The Life and Times of Fanny Hill
Battersea Arts Centre

RED Shift's re-interpretation of this raunchy tale is resolutely at odds with the original, so why stop there? What about Mrs Beeton's *Everyday Cookery* as a polemic against greed? Or *Madam Butterfly* as an argument in favour of mixed marriages? These reversals should be simple enough, seeing how ruthlessly April de Angelis has edited John Cleland's account of his vigorous whore.

The aim of this recension is to confront us with the falsity of pornographic writing, and de Angelis does this by putting Fanny's sexual adventures in the stage equivalent of quotes. A raddled old Fanny (Laura Cox) is persuaded to write her autobiography and, since her memory is fading, she asks two younger members of the profession to act out her past. While the real Fanny scribbles away at her desk, the other two girls are receiving a succession of men on the bed.

Various theatrical devices are used to make their cavortings look at best absurd, at worst horrid. Most methods effectively ridicule the euphemistic guff about "love's truncheon" and "unmerciful engines". In a scene that crystallises the argument, Maria Gough, playing the young Fanny as a wide-eyed Scots lass in a Jean Harlow wig, interrupts a fantasy of rustic junketing with the harsh truth of infanticide. This is a powerful moment. "Put this in your book, please!" she cries, but pornography allows no room for reality.

For all its erotic squirming, Jonathan Holloway's production is as unexciting as a film of copulating beetles. But stripping the glamour off porn is all this play does achieve, never penetrating deeper into the whys and wherefores of a genre as popular today as in Cleland's time.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT

Capricorn
Purcell Room

BERIO apart, contemporary Italian music is almost inaudible in this country. Capricorn's Italian series has therefore been useful simply in existing: it was a bonus that all the pieces in their final programme were so well performed.

The accent this time was on the post-war generation, among whom Salvatore Sciarrino is the commanding figure, for reasons partly suggested by the performance of his *Lo spazio inverso*. This short piece creates an imaginative world, at once severe and beguiling: a celesta uncharacteristically becomes the dominator of the ensemble, fitfully erupting with thunderous lightning strokes over an aural landscape of exceedingly fine sounds. The strings project filamentary harmonics; the clarinet slowly throbs on a soft chord, and its quickening seems to rush the piece to a sud
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

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KOLLEH

(c) Yiddish for bride, rhymes with *walla*, and needs not be limited to brides. Certain circs grant a kind of beauty that transcends conventional standards. Every mother's baby is *kolleh*. Every child's puppy is *kolleh*.

HATCHMENT

(b) A square table set diagonally, displaying the arms of a dead person, shortened and altered from of *achievement*: *Hamlet*: "No trophy, sword, nor hatchment o'er his bones."

NIELLO

(c) Black alloy of silver, lead, copper, and sulphur, used to decorate engraving on other metals, from the vernacular Latin diminutive *nigellus* titchy black from *niger* black: "The outer surface is engraved and partly filled up with niello."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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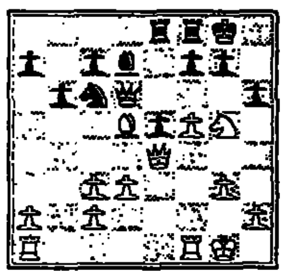

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 The Mighty Leek. Competitive leek growing can be a dirty business. Who will win the World Open Leek championship? (r). (Ceefax) 9.50 Dish of the Day. Short cookery programme
0.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's BBC introduced by Simon Parkin begins with Playdays (r) 10.25 The Family Ness. Adventures of the friendly cartoon monsters (r) 10.35 Turnabout. Wordpower quiz with Rob Curling (r)
1.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 People Today. A look at the lives of people living in Britain, including *Picture This*
2.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Happy Memories. Cliff Michelmore and Wendy Gibson take a trip down memory lane with viewers' requests for archive footage and music *12.20 Scene* Today. Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers with the entertaining magazine talkshow from the Pebble Mill studio
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Turnabout. Rob Curling with another round of the word quiz
2.15 Racing from Ascot. Live coverage of the Golden Eagle Novices' Steeplechase (2.35), the Keith Prowse Long Distance Hurdle (3.05) and the Peregrine Steeplechase Handicap (3.40)
3.50 Henry's Cat. More subdued capers from the dead-pan cat (r) 3.55 Wildbunch. Presenters Violet Berlin and Mark Evans go to a school in Slough to find out what animals do in the winter 4.10 Litt'l Bits. Pixies are afoot in the adventure cartoon set in an enchanted forest 4.35 The Movie Game. Three teams of young Barry Normans test their knowledge of films and videos
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Tom's Midnight Garden. Episode two of the six-part children's drama (r)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Jill Dando. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. With Sir John Harvey-Jones, Jill Morrell and members of the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Plus, live from Broadway the stars of *Cats*, Jonathan Pryce and Lea Salonga together with Cameron Macintosh
7.35 Doogie Howser MD. The young medic helps an old "friend" who previously held him at gunpoint to get a job at the hospital. (Ceefax)
8.00 Police Rescue: Angel After Hours. Australian police drama. Trouble begins when *Officer Angel's hated father Nicos returns.* Remembering the beatings he suffered as a child Angel threatens to go out of control, and a busy night for the psychologist ensues. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anneka Rice
8.55 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative party
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather

A victim of man's bestial inhumanity: a baby orang-utan (9.30pm)

9.30 Inside Story: Ape Trade.
● CHOICE: It is an insult to jungle primates to say that the Miami nightclub performer who was secretly filmed as he mercilessly flogged one of his troupe of orang-utans, is behaving like an animal. It is no less of an insult to the poor animal to say that it is behaving just like a human being, since the humans whose activities are the subject of this *Inside Story* investigation into the Far East trade in ape smuggling, are nothing less than subhuman. In defiance of international agreements on the protection of primates, the traffickers slaughter orang-utans, seize their babes, *stuff them into crates, and fly them off to wherever there is big* money waiting. Some apes, such as the "Bangkok Six" found in a storage crate in the transit lounge at Bangkok airport, are returned *to the jungle. But, thanks to the appalling conditions in which they* were being transported, few survived. (Ceefax)
10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is Football: highlights from tonight's European club competitions' semi-finals and a preview of the weekend's FA Cup semi-finals including an interview with Brian Clough; Greyhound Racing: the BBCtv Trophy from Wolverhampton at 10.50. There is also coverage of the 10.30 and 11.20 races; Golf: Steve Rider reports live from Augusta, previewing the US Masters championship
.50 Weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University Social Science Foundation Course — Immigration. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News 8.15 Holiday Outings. The North Yorkshire Moors (r) 8.20 Mr Smith's Airship. The story of a home-made airship (r)
9.00 Film: Maisie Was a Lady (1941, b/w) Another in the happy-go-lucky "Maisie" series of films starring Ann Sothern Directed by Edwin L. Marin
10.20 Film: September Affair (1950, b/w) Good to middling romantic melodrama in which concert pianist Manina Stewart (Joan Fontaine) falls in love with a married engineer *(Joseph Cotten) in* Italy Directed by William Dieterle
12.00 The Honeymooners (b/w). Fifties American comedy series
12.25 After Hours. *The guest is film director Spike Lee* 12.45 Postcards from Down Under. Scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef
1.10 Animation Now 1.20 Tales of Aesop. *The Tortoise and the Hare (r) 1.25 What's Inside (r) 1.35 Country File (r)*
2.00 News and weather followed by The Travel Show UK Mini Guides. Loch Ness (r) 2.10 Muggeridge: Ancient and Modern. *Documentary series about the life and provocative times of* Malcolm Muggeridge Today, the years 1957 to 1967 (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Wild World: Tender Trap. A *documentary about carnivorous plants* (r) 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Call My Bluff. With Robert Robinson (r) 4.30 Plunder. Veteran disc-jockey Alan Freeman selects his favourite clips from the television archives 5.00 To Cast a Bell. A church bell is cast according to instructions written by a medieval monk (r)
5.10 Horizon: The Mould, the Myth and the Microbe (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. In this episode of the trend-setting space-opera, the Enterprise is swallowed up by a mysterious hole. (Ceefax)
6.50 DEF II begins with Reportage. This edition takes censorship as its central theme 7.40 Rapido. The guests include Linda Gayl Lewis and James
8.10 Timewatch: The Cold War.
● CHOICE. Inevitably, a question marks hangs in the air at the end of this clear-headed charting of the peaks and troughs of mutual distrust between the West and the Soviet Union Can the cycle of suspicion begin again? Was this just the Cold War, Part 1? Dr Christopher Andrew does not go in for reading tea-leaves He has his work cut out looking back down the years, explaining how the East-West war of words began *It is a chapter of history not notable* for its subtlety. From pre-second world war Moscow, the howl went went up that "decadent, plutocratic democracy must be destroyed". It was as abortive as some of the hare-brained schemes the West cooked up to try to stifle the Russian Revolution at birth. Dr Andrew relishes the story of the British secret agent who devised a plan to discredit the Bolsheviks by stealing Lenin's and Trotsky's trousers and forcing them to parade through the streets of Moscow in their underpants
9.00 M*A*S*H. First of a two-part story in which Hawkeye (Alan Alda) operates on an entertainer *and subsequently becomes involved* with her friends (r)

Gone to ground: Warren Clarke and Nigel Havers (9.25pm)

9.25 Sleepers: The Awakening.
● CHOICE: Episode one of John Flanagan's and Andrew *McCulloch's four-part comedy thriller* is long on comedy and short on thrills. But this could well change, and until it does, let's enjoy what is abundantly on offer to be enjoyed in this wildly improbable tale of two former Soviet spies (Nigel Havers, Warren Clarke), sent over to Britain by their KGB masters back in the Wilson Sixties, and conveniently forgotten about until the Major Nineties. Conveniently, that is, for the ex-spies because one (Havers) is now a financial whizz-kid while the other (Clarke) is a union man well dug in at a brewery When their dusty old room is discovered in the Kremlin vaults, it is predictable that the archetypal objects that had been selected to familiarise them with their British posting should be shown to include a bottle of H.P. sauce and a pair of flying china ducks. (Ceefax)
10.20 Fifth Column. North London GP Baron Rea talks about the new guidelines on adoption and fostering and warns against prejudice
10.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative party
10.35 Newsnight *presented by* Jeremy Paxman
11.20 The Late Show. Includes a film report on the campaign to free John McCarthy 12.00 Weather

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word quiz hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion chaired by Mike Scott
10.40 This Morning. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the *family magazine series*
12.10 Allsorts. Children's entertainment (r)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away. Australian soap 1.50 A Country Practice. Drama series set in a rural Australian community health centre
2.20 Take the High Road. Scottish drama serial set in the Highlands 2.50 Jumble. Jeff Stevenson asks the questions in the cryptic cartoon quiz with celebrity contestants
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama charting the lives of staff and patients at a large city hospital
3.55 The Match: Legia Warsaw v Manchester United. Elton Welsby presents live coverage of the first leg of a semi-final of the European Cup Winners cup from Poland
5.55 News with Fiona Armstrong Weather
6.10 Home and Away (r)
6.40 Thames News and weather
7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel opens the red book that chronicles the life of another worthy
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)

Investigating an educated murder: Denholm Elliott (8.00pm)

8.00 Film: A Murder of Quality (1990).
● *CHOICE: What was George Smiley doing before Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy,* and before he looked like Alec Guinness? He was down in a wintry Dorset, looking like Denholm Elliott, making the local police appear sheepish because he, not them, was quietly sweeping the red herrings from the path leading to the identity of a killer at a boys' public school. *A Murder of Quality* was only Le Carré's second book, and he called it a frontal assault on both the British system of private education and the nation's class structure. He hits both targets smack in the middle with the screenplay he has fashioned from his novel, and if Gavin Millar's *ticking time-bomb of a film isn't enough of a treat for you, there's a* complementary banquet in the Hodder and Stoughton paperback that contains not only novel and screenplay but Le Carré's astringent comments on both of them (Oracle)
10.00 Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative party
10.05 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather 10.35 Thames News and weather
10.45 Midweek Sport Special. Nick Owen introduces highlights of the day's first legs of the semi-finals of the European Cup Winners Cup — Legia Warsaw v Manchester United and Barcelona v Juventus. *Plus a round-up of the night's news from home and abroad*
12.30am Visions. Repeat showing of the religious and current affairs series (r)
1.00 *Film: When Dreams Come True (1985) Far-fetched made-for-*television murder mystery starring David Morse and Cindy Williams as a detective and his girlfriend. While he is hot on the heels of a serial killer, she has premonitions about a fascinating man about to enter her life. Naturally the sceptical husband pays no heed to her protestations, with predictable results With Lee Horsley, Jessica Harper, Stan Shaw and Jeanne Cairns. Directed by John Llewellyn Moxey
2.45 Videofashion. A preview of the Milan spring/summer 1991 collections
3.10 America's Top Ten introduced by Tommy Puett and Casey Kasem
3.40 Quiz Night. Martin Roberts hosts the pub and club quiz show
4.10 *Stephen King's This Is Horror. New series which includes* memorable scenes from many of the horror writer's best films and interviews with the superstars of terror
4.40 Soccer in the 70s. Gary Lineker chews the cud with football stars of the Seventies. Gerry Francis, Frank Worthington and John Bond rake over the ashes of the 1972-3 season
5.10 Fifty Years On. A look back to the events of April 1941 as reported by the newsreels of the day
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 *The Channel Four Daily*
9.25 The Poetry Book. *The Wreck of the Hesperus* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, read by Sir Michael Hordern and with *illustrations by* Llewellyn Thomas
9.30 California Off Beat. Wayne Freedman continues his survey of the quirkier aspects of the Sunshine State and meets some people *who have attempted* to "get back to nature" — with only limited success (r)
10.00 The Horse in Sport. *Dressage* The series that deals with modern equestrian matters today looks at the art of dressage (r)
11.00 Equinox: The Winning Streak. The series focusing on success in the sports world It was long suspected that the East Germans had created a sporting science superior to that in the West This programme examines the real reasons behind their success (r)
12.00 The Faith of Marxism. David McLellan presents this short series about the uneasy relationship between Marxism and religion and talks to a Catholic communist and a liberation theologian about their opposing views (r)
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series
2.00 Road Dreams. In 1968 Elliott Bristow travelled to New York for a two-week holiday He stayed for 12 years, travelled 500,000 miles and shot some 75 hours of film. This programme covers Bristow's journey from the Dakotas to Las Vegas (r)
2.30 Film: Vogues (1937) Lavish, talkative musical comedy starring Warner Baxter as George Curson, the owner *of a chic Fifth Avenue* fashion salon. Curson's star-struck wife persuades him to back a theatrical show for her but when it flops she divorces him Joan Bennett comes to the rescue and helps Baxter stage a huge fashion show using props from the defunct play Also stars Helen Vinson, the reliable Mischa Auer and Hollywood gossip-queen Hedda Hopper Directed by Irving Cummings
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart hosts this rapid-fire quiz game
5.00 The Adventures of TinTin. Episode eight of *Shooting Star* (r)
5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Cher talks about sex, relationships, cosmetic surgery, her former husband Sonny Bono and much more besides
6.00 A Different World. American campus comedy series
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests include Vanilla Ice and the Persuasions
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Oracle) Weather
7.50 Banned: The A — Z of Censorship. "C" is for Cuts, Cinema and Censorship
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext)
8.30 Dispatches. A disturbing documentary revealing the systematic terrorisation of the Kurds by Saddam Hussein's forces

Plotting revenge on her attackers: Heather Imani (9.15pm)

9.15 *Re—Play: Mug. Nicole* (Heather Imani) *is mugged* and, fearing that a personal weakness has been exposed, plans revenge on her attackers. Written by Maria Oshodi (r)
9.30 *Free for All. The series that gives viewers access to the magical* tube. This programme includes a report on journalist and author Hunter Davies's attempts to give Millwall football fans a greater say in the running of their club
10.00 The Golden Girls An attractive doctor (Peter Hansen) becomes the focus of attention for Dorothy (Bea Arthur) and Blanche (Rue McClanahan) — the result is rivalry (r). (Teletext)
10.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out. More absurdist entertainment from comedians Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer
11.00 Banned: Dark Circle. A *True Stories* special about the production of *nuclear weapons at Rocky Flats* in Colorado and the harmful effects on the health of those people involved It includes material filmed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as well as *recently declassified footage of the hydrogen bomb's manufacture, testing and sales.* It was six years before this documentary, made by Judy Irving and Christopher Beaver, was transmitted on American television
12.35am Banned: Scottish Eye — How They Sank Salter's Duck. A repeat of the documentary that explored the apparently systematic refusal of the government to countenance alternative sources of power, taking as its example the breakthroughs in effective forms of wave power made at Edinburgh university before funding was withdrawn. Ends at 1.00

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As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.10 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Home and Away 12.30 Friday The 13th 1.25 America's Top Ten 1.55 Donahue 2.55 Schimanski 4.25 An Invitation to Remember: Sylvia Syms 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.10pm-6.30 Wales at Six 12.30am-1.25 Championship Boxing

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25 Simply the Best 3.55 Film: The Man From Button Willow 5.25-5.55 Home and Away 6.10 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Haggis Agus 10.45 Film: Hopscotch 12.45 Top Club 1.15 Donahue 2.15 Dinosaur! 3.05 Film. It's Raining Money 4.45 The Long White Trail 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Farmhouse Kitchen 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 6.10 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.35 Night Heat 1.30 Donahue 2.25 Video View 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45-5.30 Film: Burnt Barns

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.10 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Home and Away 12.30 Film: The Horror of Frankenstein 2.15 Donahue 3.10 Night Heat 4.10 Extra Dimensions 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Up Country 6.10 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Home and Away 12.35 Night Heat 1.30 Donahue 2.25 Video View 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45-5.30 Film: Burnt Barns

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Who's The Boss? 6.10 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.35 Night Beat 1.30 Donahue 2.25 Video View 2.50 60 Minutes 3.45-5.30 Film: Burnt Barns (Alain Delon)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 6.10pm Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.30 Dirty Dancing 1.00 In the Heat of The Night 1.55 Quiz Night 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.55 Comedy Tonight 3.25 Music Box 4.20-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.30am C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.25 Film: Oh Men! Oh Women! 12.00 Special 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen To One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Road Dreams 2.30 Film: State Fair 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Hel Straeon 7.30 Ar Y Tir 8.00 Nature Watch 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Colli Iaith 9.55 Film: Hotel New Hampshire 12.00 Short Stories 12.30 How They Sank Salter's Duck 1.00 Diweddi

RTE 1

Starts: 1.00pm News 1.35 Better Than New 2.05 Sam 3.00 Live At Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Hanney 5.20 Out Of Limits 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 No Job For A Lady 7.35 MacGyver 8.30 Radharc 9.00 News 9.30 Sbr 10.30 Wednesday Report 11.20 Highwayman 12.15 News 12.25 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Pobel In Deutschland 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News 8.05 This Is Your Life 8.35 Who's The Boss? 9.00 Cheers 9.30 News followed by Taggart 10.30 Nighthawks 11.10 News 11.30 Close

RADIO 3

5-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News
0 Morning Concert: Gibbons (O Clap Your Hands Together: Choir of New College, Oxford, under Higginbottom); Albéniz (Granada — Serenata, Suite española: Alicia de Larrocha, piano); Arensky (Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky: ROH Orchestra under Ermler)
0 News
5 Morning Concert (cont): Barber (Overture, The School for Scandal: St Louis SO under Slatkin); Schubert (Sonatina in D, D 384: Isaac Stern, violin, Daniel Barenboim); Dvořák *(Song of* the Moon, Rusalka: Philharmonia under Pritchard, with Karita Mattila, soprano); Haydn (Symphony No 93. CO of Europe under Abbado)
0 News
5 Composers of the Week: *Sibelius — Moscow* 1907. Karelia Suite, Op 11, Pan and Echo, Op 53; Oriental Procession; Khadra's Dance, Belshazzar's Feast, Op 51; Symphony No 3 in C, Op 52
5 Midweek Choice: Leopold Mozart (Toy Symphony in C: J.F. Paillard CO under Paillard); Schubert (Piano Trio in B flat, D 898. Beaux Arts Trio); *Fauré, orch Rutter* (Cantique de Jean Racine: Cambridge Singers; Members of City of London Sinfonia *under Rutter*); Koechlin *(14* Pieces for flute and piano, Op 157b: Fenwick Smith and Martin Amlin); Viotti (Piano Concerto in G minor: Torino Orchestra under Alberto Zedda, with Felicja Blumental); Brahms (Die Meere, Op 20 No 3: Sara Walker, mezzo, Thomas Allen, baritone, Roger Vignoles, piano); Mascagni *(Intermezzo, Cavalleria* Rusticana. Philharmonia under von Karajan)
BBC Welsh SO under Arnold Katz, with Philip Fowke, piano, performs Tchaikovsky (Suite, The Nutcracker); Rachmaninov *(Rhapsody on a Theme of* Paganini). Mussorgsky, arr Rimsky-Korsakov (Night on the Bare Mountain); Tchaikovsky (Capriccio Italien, Op 45)
n News
oncert Hall: Live from *roadcasting* House, London. arah Leonard, soprano, ndrew Ball, piano, perform ritten (On This Island); Goehr (Four Songs from the Japanese); Cage (The Wonderful Widow of 18 Springs); Weir (King Harald's Saga), George Nicholson (Peripheral Visions)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years: The cellist Emanuel Feuermann plays Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 69: Myra Hess, piano); Brahms (Sonata in E minor, Op 38: with Theo van der Pas, piano)
4.00 Choral Evensong
5.00 Gods and Demons: John Thornley with the second of three programmes about music of belief and ritual
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear
7.30 The London Sinfonietta under Oliver Knussen performs Britten (The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, Op 34); Elliott Carter (Concerto for orchestra); C. Matthews (Cortège); Debussy (Jeux), incl 8.10 Interval Reading (r)
9.00 Drama Now: A Meeting in Valladolid
● CHOICE: After Sunday's radio adaptation of his novel *Don Quixote*, Cervantes himself is brought to life as Anthony Burgess imagines how he and Shakespeare would have crossed literary swords had they met. The new play, commissioned by the EBU and BBC and being broadcast simultaneously to *23 countries in 13 languages,* is set in 1606 and has the two outdoing one another to entertain delegates to a peace conference. *Hamlet* is revamped as a comedy lasting seven hours, not a very palpable hit with the Spaniards Robert Glenister is the Bard, Jonathan Oliver and Miguel Peñaranda Burbage and Cervantes respectively
10.15 Joseph Silverstein The violinist plays Bach (Partita No 3 in E). Milstein (Paganiniana); Ysaÿe (Sonata No 4 in E minor) (r)
10.55 Russian Piano Music: The pianist Neil Immelman plays Roslavets (Three Compositions; Two Compositions); Lourié (Nocturne; Intermezzo); Obukhov (Le Temple est mesuré, l'esprit est incarné; La Paix pour les réconciliés)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Mozart (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 *Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for* the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
8.43 A Year in Provence: March. Written and read by Peter Mayle (3 of 5) (s) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Why Herbert Killed His Mother, by Winifred Holtby. Read by Anna Massey (r)
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; File on 4 (r)
11.42 Remembering Jane Austen: *Derek Parker presents the* second of four programmes based on James Austen-Leigh's memoirs of his aunt. With Paul Rogers as James Austen-Leigh and Joanna David as Jane Austen (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Blandings: The Crime Wave at Blandings — Part Two. The last of six short stories by P.G. Wodehouse (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative party
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Author Kuki Gallman talks about her life in Africa, there is a discussion on the pros and cons of depo provera, an injectible contraceptive; and Matraca Berg sings country and western
3.00 News; Reading the Spin. In R.J. Gallagher's comedy, cricket enthusiasts and undergraduates Colin (Andy Hockley) and Maurice (Peter Meakin) are bowled over by Kathy (Mor Leslie) and set out to score a love match (s)
3.47 Treasure Islands: Joan Aitken talks to Michael Rosen about her novels for children
4.00 News
4.05 Grand Tour: In the second of six programmes, Michael Ignatieff, the writer, historian and television presenter, explains what Moscow means to him
4.30 *Kaleidoscope: Film reviews* include *Sleeping with the Enemy* and *Bonfire of the Vanities*: Kevin Brownlow and Ian Christie discuss social problems in silent films; and Mariella Frostrup profiles the reggae musician Bob Marley (s) 5.00 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Slightly Foxed: Gill Pyrah chairs the literary quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Age to Age (r)
7.45 All in the Mind (r)
8.15 Literature is My Mistress, Medicine My Wife: Five *Kopecks a Line! David Suchet* stars as Anton Chekhov, in the second of seven programmes about the grocer's son who became Russia's greatest playwright (s) (r)
8.45 In Business: The Bank-Busters As the crisis in the American banking industry gathers pace, *In Business* joins the federal authorities as they move in to close down a bank (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (broadcast at 4.30pm)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Tuppence for the Rainbow: Leslie Sands reads an adaptation of his autobiography (final part) (s)
11.00 Magic Moments: When Father Papered the Parlour The third of five programmes on the origins of popular cultural phenomena Nigel Fountain meets Barry Bucknell, who *invented the self-assembly* world of DIY in the Fifties
11.30 *Smith's Elegy The Prophet* Politician Phil Smith unearths a story commemorated on Ickornshaw Moor on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border (r)
11.45 Soldiers and innocents, by Russell Celyn Jones (final part) (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8 Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m, 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● *Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.* 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Dealer Channel 10.30 The Young Doctors *11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The* Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife *of the Week 3.15 Bewitched* 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Anything for Money 8.00 "V" 9.00 Equal Justice 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 The Hitchhiker 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour. 5.00am Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Roving Report 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Daytime 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 NBC Today 2.30 CBS News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Roving Report 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Roving Report 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase, incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Mayerling (1969) Romantic drama about the doomed love affair between an Austrian crown prince and his young commoner mistress
12.15pm Boundaries of the Heart (1988). An Australian woman plays a dangerous romantic game with her steady boyfriend Starring Wendy Hughes and John Hargreaves
2.00 Avalanche Express (1979) Lee Marvin stars as a KGB agent attempting to defect to the West by train
4.00 Oh God! (1977): Comedy starring George Burns as God, who enlists the help of a mild-mannered supermarket manager to help spread the word of his Second Coming
5.35 The Best of Carry on Nursing: Highlights from the Carry On films
6.00 The Woo Woo Kid (1987). The true story of a 15-year-old boy who married two older women Starring Patrick Dempsey
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Murder Elite (1985) Ali McGraw plots the murder of her wealthy sister. Co-stars Hywel Bennett
10.00 The Battle of the Blockbusters: Viewers can vote for either My Stepmother is an Alien (1988) Science-fiction comedy in which a scientist (Dan Ackroyd) marries a beautiful extra-terrestrial (Kim Basinger), or Beetlejuice (1988): Comedy in which a deceased couple enlist the help of a ghost *(Michael Keaton) to exorcise the living* inhabitants from their home
11.45 Eleven Days, Eleven Nights (1987): Writer Jessica Moore claims Joshua McDonald as her 100th lover
1.15am Clara's Heart (1988): Troubled by his parents impending divorce, a young boy seeks affection from his Jamaican nanny (Whoopi Goldberg)
3.05 Paperhouse (1988): The dreams of an 11-year-old girl begin to parallel reality
4.35 Eat and Run (1986): Only Ron Silver stands between an alien and its insatiable appetite for Italian food Ends at 5.55

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Today 6.00 DJ Kat 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 European Open Snooker 10.00 Free Style Skiing 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 World Championship Ice Hockey France v Italy 1.00pm Davis Cup Tennis 3.30 Karate World Championship 4.00 NHL Ice Hockey 5.00 Judo World Masters 5.30 World Strength Championships 6.00 Circus World Championships 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Transworld Sport 8.00 Ringside 10.00 Three-Cushion Billiards 11.00 European Football Semi-Finals 12.00 European Open Snooker 2.00am Eurosport News 2.30 Test Match Cricket

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 7.00am Mobil 1 Rally Challenge 7.30 Spanish Football Highlights 8.00 Moto News 8.30 Fight Night at the Forum 10.00 Stop-Himalayan Rally 1990 11.00 Tenpin Bowling 12.15pm Go 1.15 Ten High British Classic 1.45 Tennis 3.15 Spain Spain Sport 3.30 US Pro Boxing 5.00 Stop-Supercross 6.00 Update: US PGA Independent Insurance Agent Open 8.00 Motor Sport F3000 9.00 British Touring Cars 9.30 Golf Augusta Masters 10.00 NHL Ice Hockey 12.00 Tenpin Bowling

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite. Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite. 10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New? 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Supermodel of the Year 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Phyllis 4.35 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite. 2.45pm Violets Are Blue (1986): Journalist Sissy Spacek returns home and attempts a reconciliation with her old boyfriend, despite the fact that he is now married
4.15 The Bad News Bears (1976) Baseball coach Walter Matthau hits upon ace pitcher Tatum O'Neal to change the fortunes of his little league team
6.00 *Codename Dancer* (1987) Schoolteacher Kate Capshaw sets out to rescue the man who once saved her life
8.00 Tucker: The Man and His Dreams (1988). A biopic of the life of the legendary car designer Preston Tucker
10.00 Paris by Night (1988). While in Paris, a female politician has an affair and, fearing blackmail, murders her lover
11.45 Torch Song Trilogy (1988): *An adaptation of Harvey Fierstein's play about* the life and loves of a drag-queen
1.35am U2: Rattle and Hum (1988): The Irish rock band's American tour in 1987
3.10 Framed (1974): A man is framed following the accidental death of a small-town sheriff. Ends at 4.50

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite. 1.00pm Test Match Highlights 2.00 Super Cross 3.00 Live Test Match Cricket 8.00 US Masters Golf Preview 9.00 Live Test Match Cricket 11.00 The IBM ATP Tennis Magazine 12.00 Test Match Highlights 1.00am US Masters Golf Preview

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW 6.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Man Ezeke Sunshine Show 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Cliff Morgan 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.55 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative party 4.00 Desmond Carrington 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Are You Sitting Comfortably? (new series). Quiz presented *by Leslie Crowther 7.30 Edmundo Ros (new series) 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 9.00 Nigel* Ogden. The Organist Entertains 9.30 Myself When Young. Jono Dunn (4 of 6) 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 The Family Business 0345 909 693, incl 11.00, 12.00 News, Sport 12.30pm Education Matters 1.00 News, Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News, Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (broadcast at 10.25am) 2.30 World Service, incl 3.00, 4.00 News, Sport 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 Vlad the Drac. The third of a five-part comedy by Ann Jungman 7.35 Spinning Stars . . . Aries, the Golden Ram, by Peter Thomson (2 of 4) 8.00 Champion Sport, with Jon Champion 9.30 The Leading Edge. John Howard talks to Carla Lane, the Liverpudlian comedy writer 10.00 News, Sport 10.10 Earshot, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News 8.30 Development '91 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Growing Points in Medicine 9.30 Just a Minute 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report 10.15 Country Style 10.30 Medwatch 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.09pm News About Britain 12.30 Meridian 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 New Ideas 12.35 Cue for Song 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 On the Shelf: Vedi 3.45 Business Matters 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Assignment 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 From Our Own Correspondent 11.20 Counterpoint 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Cooking the Books 12.30 Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The A-Z of Animals 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 The Farming World 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Assignment 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Assignment 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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Government refuses to bail out London zoo

By Michael Horsnell

THE government refused yesterday to come up with any more money for London zoo, pre-empting the key meeting scheduled for tomorrow between the two sides, and claimed that the Zoological Society of London still has half the £10 million one-off payment it received three years ago.

This latest blow to the zoo, the closure of which could lead to the destruction of many of the 8,000 species, coincided with fears about what might happen to the nine listed buildings within its 36-acre site in Regent's Park.

The society is merely leaseholders of Crown land in the royal park which is administered by the environment department. The Crown is exempted from the need for consent to demolish any of the treasured landmarks within the zoo.

David Trippier, the environment minister, said: "There's no more cash for London zoo. You can rely on that." He said he would look at whatever plans were shown to him at a meeting between zoo management and department officials, but added that the meeting would make no difference to any decision on grants.

The zoo, the world's oldest, has said it will close in September unless it is assured of extra income to tide it over an annual £2 million deficit and has launched a £13 million survival appeal. The zoo would not comment in advance of the meeting on Mr Trippier's claim that it still has £5 million left of its 1988 government grant, but David Jones, director of the zoo, told me recently: "It would be wrong to wait until the last penny were spent. We must alert people before we get rid of our reserves."

English Heritage, which is responsible for safeguarding historic buildings and recommending sites requiring legal protection, is keeping a watching brief on the zoo's listed buildings should the zoo depart Regent's Park. A spokesman said: "The secretary of state has powers to lease this land only to the Zoological Society of London. If they go, the land would revert to being part of the royal parks and have Crown exemption from listed building consent to demolish. This would mean that we should have an advisory role only and not have the stronger voice that we have with private properties."

Listed buildings range from a grade two telephone kiosk beneath the portals of the parrot house, to the grade one creations of the gorilla house, which now houses koalas, and the penguin pool, both of which were designed in the mid-1930s by Berthold Lubetkin, the Georgian-born *avant garde* architect.

The buildings tell the story of the zoo from its creation in 1827 and include the ravens cage of that year by Decimus Burton, his 1830 clock tower and his 1836 giraffe and hippopotamus house. The other listed buildings are the 1829 east tunnel, the 1914 Mappin Terraces, and the 1936 north entrance gate. Some of the older buildings survive better than famous recent additions such as the aviary designed by Lord Snowdon. This contraption, completed in 1966 at a cost of £120,000, consists of 100 miles of wire and poles covered by nets. The aviary, which is not listed, needs refurbishment, not least to stop pigeons from breaking in.

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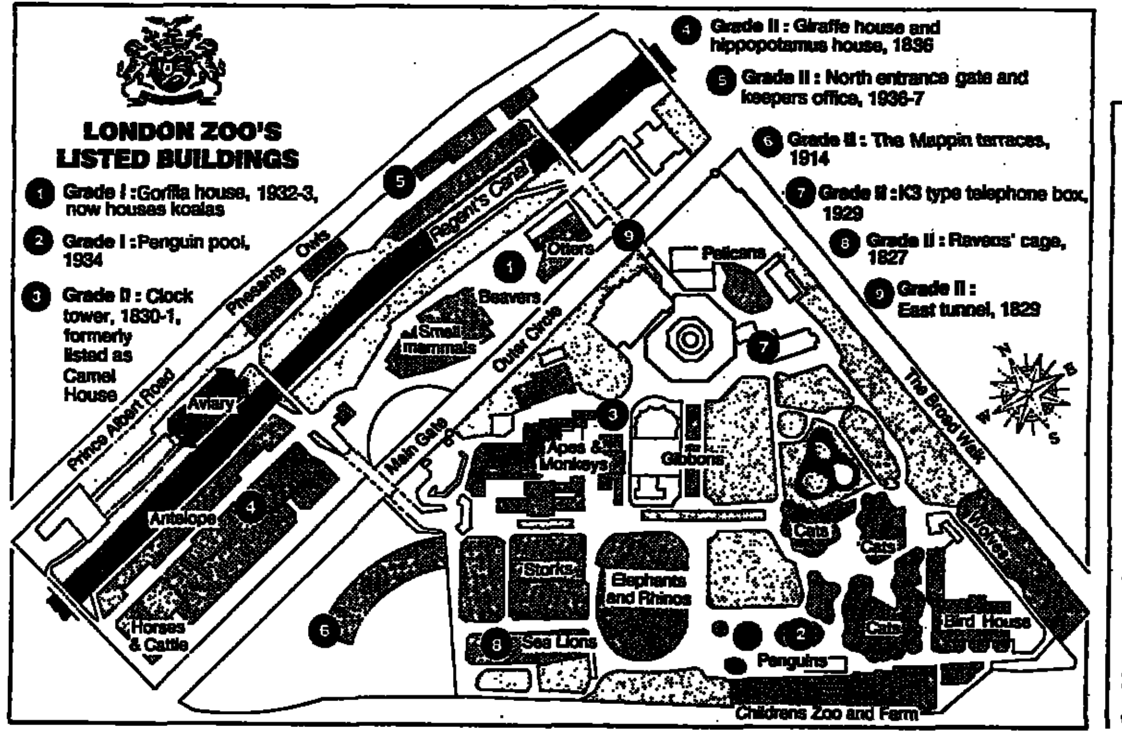
LONDON ZOO'S LISTED BUILDINGS
1 Grade I : Gorilla house, 1932-3, now houses koalas
2 Grade I : Penguin pool, 1934
3 Grade II : Clock tower, 1830-1, formerly listed as Camel House
4 Grade II : Giraffe house and hippopotamus house, 1836
5 Grade II : North entrance gate and keepers office, 1936-7
6 Grade II : The Mappin terraces, 1914
7 Grade II : K3 type telephone box, 1929
8 Grade II : Ravens' cage, 1827
9 Grade II : East tunnel, 1829
Prince Albert Road
Pheasants
Owls
Regent's Canal
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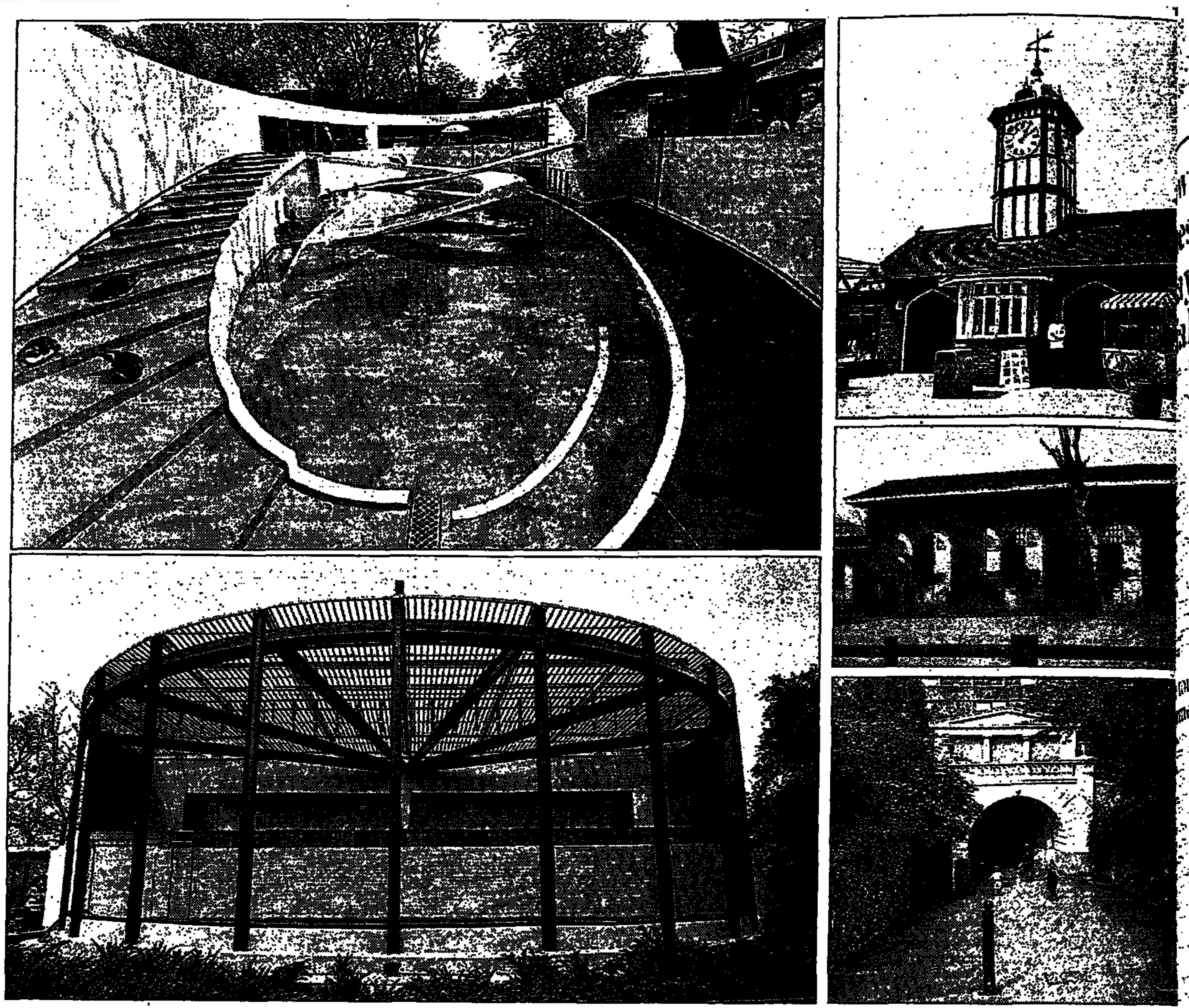

Treasured landmarks at London zoo: the penguin pool and the gorilla house, left, which are grade one listed buildings designed by Berthold Lubetkin in the 1930s. Decimus Burton's 1830 c tower, top, his 1836 giraffe house, centre, and the 1829 east tunnel, are all grade two listed

Carrying comfort to the Kurd

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at Adana where the lifeline to the Kurds is loaded.

An A-10 fighter escort streaked above us as we rumbled just north of Zakho on a mission to save the stragglers still fleeing to Turkey.

The seven-man crew was elated. "When you see guys running towards the food, it makes it all worthwhile. That's what we were trained for — now it's for real," Sergeant Jon Orsatti said.

It was the second and last run for *Arkansas Dreamin'* the 27-year-old Hercules and its crew from the 61st Tactical Airlift Squadron — the Bravo squadron and the 314 Arcraft Generation Squadron. They had had a dull Gulf war — endless 18-hour round trips to England to load up with bombs. Feeding the Kurds, the final and most spectacular mission before next week's return to home base at Little Rock, made up for it all. Each Hercules carries ready-to-eat meals for 4,608 people. It is hardly the Kurds' usual fare — beef with barbeque sauce, or spaghetti with meatballs, followed by cracker biscuits with peanut butter, or jelly and dehydrated strawberries and peaches for dessert. It is standard American fare.

So far 60,000 individual meals have been dropped over Iraq and Turkey, and 3,000 litre-bottles of Turkish spring water. On Monday the Royal Air Force dropped 13.2 tonnes of tents, sleeping bags, blankets and tarpaulin. The French C-160s have also dropp tonnes of food staple.

The joint operation, code "Provide Comfort" is runni heart-warming efficiency. Herky" rumbles along Incirlik over lush fields tha give way to mountains ever and more threatening. T planes fly in a restricted corridor parallel to the border without need of control contact. Well be clouds, we cross into Iraq penetrate five miles. Ot sions have gone in about 2

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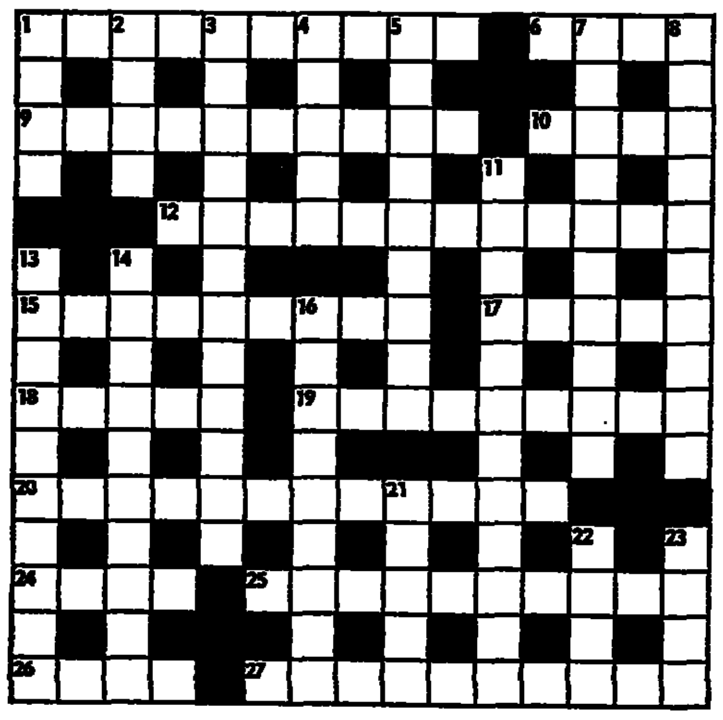

ACROSS

1 Turn out bodies of constables in a Norfolk town (10).
6 Song making use of a recurrent melody (4).
9 Imprudent as the wretched David Ellis (3-7).
10 One leaving the country for a spell (4).
12 Give up TV and play with this (4-2-3-3).
15 Riverside base you once installed to accommodate oarsmen originally (4-5).
17 Live with former partner? It's unusual (5).
18 Muse? It's part of the moderator's job (5).
19 With unusual speed, broadcast escape of one criminal (9).
20 Doctor finds fresh air best tonic (12).
24 Wild goat, one not known to live in captivity (4).
25 Writer taking woman round the West Indies — a sympathetic sort (4-6).
26 Information for the Russians? Yes, thank you (4).
27 Defensible position adopted by wrestlers? (10).

DOWN

1 Noted cyclist detailed to make a platform appearance (4).
2 Second,class barrister? (4).
3 Cocktail a fool's hidden, being tipsy (3-9).
4 Glib politician interrupting disconcerted 2 (5).
5 Back the Head in a display of severity (9).
7 Concerning an old tax-collector — a Lincoln man? (10).
8 Takeover formerly dividing a northern people (10).
11 It's stingy, making cutbacks in Leicester (6-6).
13 Robust as a person that's lost blood capturing it (4-6).
14 Persecution upset a woman — and servants in a way (10).
16 Experienced Greek character going up river (9).
21 Old hermit's dwelling initially offered to a music-maker (5).
22 Drive away from the pump, say? (4).
23 Transport promotion which has its point (4).

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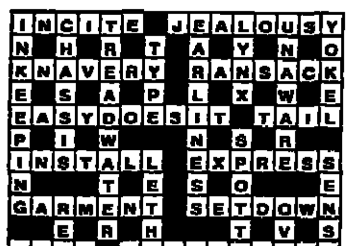
Solution to Puzzle No 18,575



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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

CAISSON
a. An adopted son
b. To defer judgment
c. An underwater chamber

KOLLEH
a. Eye shadow
b. A Jewish sheep dog
c. A beautiful bride

HATCHMENT
a. A chicken incubator
b. A square table
c. Impatience, haste

NIELLO
a. A snow storm
b. Nobody
c. Black decorative alloy

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Northern Ireland	745

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WEATHER

After a misty start in places, southeast England will be dry with warm sunshine. However, southern coasts could stay cloudy. Much of the South-West and Wales will see hill and coastal fog with some rain or drizzle. Remaining areas will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Later in the day, brighter, showery weather should spread into the far North-West. Outlook: dry in South and East but showers elsewhere

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	s	Majorca	20	68	s
Akrotiri	17	63	f	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Malta	20	68	s
Algiers	19	66	c	Melb'rne	27	81	s
Amst'dm	13	55	s	Mexico C*	23	73	c
Athens	18	64	f	Miami*	27	81	s
Bahrain	28	82	c	Milan	17	63	s
Barbads*	28	82	c	Montreal*	17	63	r
Barcelna	16	61	s	Moscow	14	57	c
Belgrade	16	61	f	Munich	12	54	f
Berlin	9	48	c	Nairobi	26	79	f
Bermuda*	23	73	c	Naples	21	70	s
Biarritz	17	63	s	N Delhi	27	81	s
Borde'x	17	63	s	N York*	32	90	s
Brussels	14	57	s	Nice	19	66	s
Budapest	15	59	c	Oslo	8	46	s
B Aires*	21	70	s	Paris	14	57	s
Cairo	22	72	c	Peking	16	61	c
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Perth	16	61	r
C'blanca	19	66	s	Prague	10	50	f
Chicago*	22	72	c	Reykjavik	0	32	f
Ch'church	10	50	f	Rhodes	18	64	s
Cologne	15	59	f	Rio de J	29	84	f
C'phagn	10	50	f	Rome	19	66	s
Corfu	20	68	s	Salzburg	12	54	c
Dublin	14	57	f	S F'risco*	15	59	s
Dubrovnik	18	64	s	Santiago*	24	75	f
Faro	19	66	s	S Paulo*	25	77	c
Florence	22	72	s	Seoul	23	73	s
Frankfurt	13	55	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	17	63	f	St'kholm	9	48	s
Geneva	14	57	s	Strasb'rg	15	59	c
Gibraltar	18	64	f	Sydney	22	72	s
Helsinki	4	39	r	Tangier	20	68	f
Hong K	21	70	fg	Tel Aviv	14	57	s
Innsbrck	15	59	c	Tenerife	20	68	s
Istanbul	9	48	r	Tokyo	25	77	s
Jeddah	30	86	c	Toronto*	19	66	f
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Tunis	18	64	s
Karachi	33	91	s	Valencia	20	68	s
L Palmas	20	68	f	Vanc'ver*	7	45	c
Le Tquet	9	48	c	Venice	17	63	s
Lisbon	19	66	s	Vienna	7	45	r
Locarno	18	64	s	Warsaw	6	43	c
L Angels*	17	63	s	Wash'ton*	27	81	f
Luxembg	11	52	c	Wel'nton	10	50	r
Luxor	28	82	s	Zurich	14	57	f
Madrid	19	66	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.11 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.1 hr.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.20
Austria Sch	22.00	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.20	60.20
Canada $	2.16	2.01
Denmark Kr	11.95	11.25
Finland Mkk	7.39	6.94
France Fr	10.49	9.84
Germany Dm	3.17	2.91
Greece Dr	333	313
Hong Kong $	14.55	13.65
Ireland Pt	1.168	1.098
Italy Lira	2315	2175
Japan Yen	258.50	241.50
Netherlands Gld	3.495	3.285
Norway Kr	12.11	11.41
Portugal Esc	270	254
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.95
Spain Pta	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.26	10.58
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira	7100	6300
USA $	1.865	1.745
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.00	26.00

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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.9	.05	10	50	shower
Anglesey	4.8	.02	12	54	shower
Belfast	6.9	.02	13	55	shower
Birmingham	2.9	-	14	57	bright
Bognor Regis	5.5	-	13	55	sunny
Bournemouth	6.0	-	15	59	bright
Bristol	4.7	.01	12	54	sunny
Cardiff	0.6	-	11	52	dull
Colwyn Bay	4.6	-	13	55	bright
Douglas	6.0	.01	11	52	bright
Edinburgh	9.2	.05	11	52	shower
Exmouth	3.3	-	14	57	bright
Falmouth	9.5	-	15	59	sunny
Glasgow	5.4	.14	10	50	shower
Guernsey	7.2	-	14	57	sunny
Hunstanton	2.8	-	11	52	bright
Jersey	4.1	-	13	55	bright
Kinloss	9.3	.06	10	50	shower
Lerwick	5.5	.09	7	45	shower
Littlehampton	5.9	-	14	57	sunny
London	6.4	-	16	61	bright
Manchester	2.9	-	13	55	cloudy
Morecambe	6.6	-	11	52	sunny
Nottingham	0.7	-	12	54	bright
Penzance	7.1	-	14	57	sunny
Poole	2.7	-	15	59	cloudy
Sandown	8.9	-	12	54	sunny
Scarborough	5.5	-	12	54	sunny
Scilly Isles	5.9	-	13	55	sunny
Southend	7.1	-	15	59	bright
Southsea	4.6	-	13	55	sunny
Stornoway	8.0	.20	9	48	shower
Tenby	8.4	-	14	57	sunny
Tiree	9.1	.18	10	50	shower

" denotes not available
These are Monday's figures

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: day temp: London Weather Centre, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 0.43 in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, Grampian, 9.3 hr.

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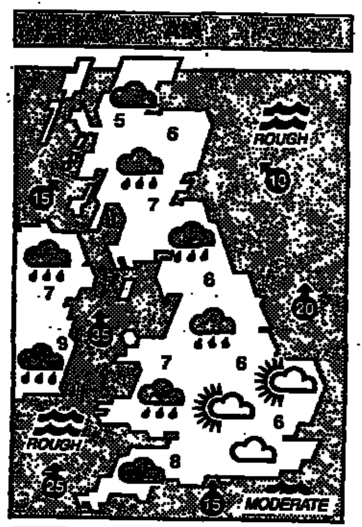

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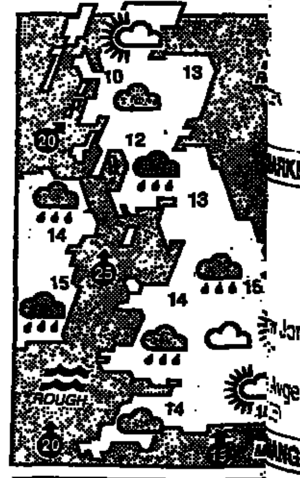

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	c	Guernsey	8	46	c
B'rmgham	12	54	c	Inverness	11	52	c
Blackpool	11	52	c	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	13	55	c	London	15	59	f
Cardiff	13	55	c	M'nchster	12	54	c
Edinburgh	11	52	f	Newcastle	12	54	c
Glasgow	10	50	c	R'nldsway	10	50	c

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.1 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 7.48 pm to 6.15 am
Bristol 7.58 pm to 6.25 am
Edinburgh 8.08 pm to 6.19 am
Manchester 8.00 pm to 6.20 am
Penzance 8.07 pm to 6.39 am

Sun rises:
6.17 am

Moon rises
4.25 am

New moon April 14

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.23	5.6	11.41	5.6
Aberdeen	10.55	3.3	11.52	3.4
Avonmouth	4.27	9.8	4.56	10.1
Belfast	8.24	2.9	9.06	2.8
Cardiff	4.12	9.2	4.41	9.5
Devonport	2.42	4.4	3.32	4.4
Dover	8.59	5.1	9.15	5.4
Falmouth	2.12	4.2	3.02	4.2
Glasgow	10.24	3.7	11.07	3.7
Harwich	9.30	3.1	9.37	3.1
Holyhead	8.04	4.5	8.49	4.5
Hull	3.54	5.5	3.58	5.9
Ilfracombe	3.25	6.8	3.58	6.9
King's Lynn	4.09	4.7	4.14	5.0
Leith			12.14	4.4

TODAY	AM	HT
Liverpool	8.51	7.4
Lowestoft	7.39	2.0
Margate	9.40	3.8
Milford Haven	3.47	5.3
Newquay	2.45	5.4
Oban	3.55	3.2
Penzance	1.55	4.4
Portland	3.38	1.4
Portsmouth	8.37	3.6
Shoreham	8.48	4.7
Southampton	8.30	3.6
Swansea	3.37	7.1
Tees	1.08	4.2
W'ton-on-Nze	9.26	3.3

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

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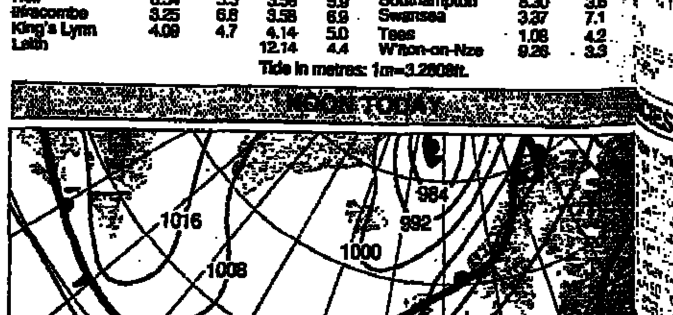

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France facing Brittan probe on Bull cash

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

SIR Leon Brittan, the European competition commissioner, has threatened an enquiry into moves by the French government to inject £680 million into Groupe Bull, France's loss-making state computer firm.

The unusual pre-emptive step by Sir Leon is widely seen as a reflection of growing tension within Brussels between free marketeers and those who favour an interventionist role in strategic industries.

Sir Leon's announcement yesterday followed protests by ICL, the British-based, but Japanese and Canadian owned, computer group. ICL has argued in submissions to both Sir Leon's office and the British government that cash injections into Bull would distort competition.

In his statement, Sir Leon said he had asked the French government to submit to him their plans for an £880 million cash injection into Bull and Thomson, the loss making French state defence and consumer electronics group.

Details of the likely level of the French cash injection emerged in provisional government budget proposals.

Roger Fauroux, the French industry minister, believes it important for Europe to lend support to its fragmented and weak computer industry, which faces powerful competition from American and Japanese rivals.

Sir Leon said any cash injection would be investigated "in view of the losses incurred by the companies and the difficulties being experienced in this sector throughout the Community".

The investigation would also focus on the impact that support to Bull and Thomson would have on the competitive position of their EC rivals.

Two weeks ago Bull unveiled a net loss of Fr6.8 billion during 1990. Thomson had an attributable net loss of Fr270 million in the first half of last year.

The French government is proposing to subscribe for £200 million of new Bull shares this year, and as many again next year. In addition, it may provide £280 million over four years to help Bull develop machines that can be more easily built into networks with other companies' products. The research cash would make up 20 per cent of Bull's research and development budget.

The debate in Brussels will hinge upon whether the investments rank as logical commercial decisions or subsidies. Brussels has already indicated its belief that state shareholders in companies should behave in the same way as private shareholders if competition within the Community is to be fair.

Intervention by Sir Leon's office is likely to meet mixed reactions around the Community. The Italian government is believed to have been investigating ways in which it could support Olivetti, the troubled computer maker.

Approval from Brussels for French support for Bull might trigger an Italian request to provide assistance to Olivetti. Philips, another European company which has met with only limited success in computers, has little prospect of help from the Dutch government despite big losses and worldwide cutbacks.

Siemens Nixdorf, the leading German computer maker which is now the largest in the community, was created without state subsidy. If the interventionists lose the debate, Siemens Nixdorf could emerge as the focus of a new European grouping.

European computer manufacturers have been held back by their failure to achieve economies of scale, partly because leading European countries reserved government markets for their own computer makers.

They also failed to keep pace with rapid changes in technology which has lead to an abrupt shift from powerful mainframe machines to networks of micro computers.

The main precedent for the developing conflict between Brussels and Paris is the showdown over state aid to Renault, the French car maker, which is majority-owned by the state.

Last May, Sir Leon compelled the company to repay or start paying interest on Fr6 billion of aid because there was too little emphasis on capacity cuts and restructuring in the package. However, Bull has already announced plans for substantial job losses.

Arrow stake was thrust on us says broking chief

By Angela Mackay

THE former chairman of County NatWest Securities told the jury in the Blue Arrow trial he had been misled about the outcome of Blue Arrow's £837 million rights issue and that his division had had a stake of about 5 per cent of the issue "thrust down our gullet".

Philip Rimell, who left CNWS in January 1988, said he refused to take more than 1 million shares of the placement when it was first offered to him but he was told later that a decision to take 31 million shares had been made by others including one of the defendants, Jonathan Cohen, the chief executive of County NatWest, without consulting him. "It was presented as a fait accompli," he said.

Questioned by Nicholas Purnell, QC, prosecuting, Mr Rimell said an advertisement in the *Financial Times* placed by UBS Phillips & Drew that deemed the issue to have been a success had been "nonsense". Mr Rimell said he had not known that P&D had taken 8 per cent of the issue nor that the corporate finance division of County NatWest had 35 million shares.

Mr Rimell said: "Everybody was misled. We were not told of any other holdings at all and we eventually had 4.9 per cent thrust upon us."

The three corporate defendants, County NatWest, its parent, NatWest Investment Bank, and UBS Phillips & Drew Securities, along with seven individuals, all deny they conspired to mislead the market over the rights issue in September 1987 to fund Blue Arrow's takeover of Manpower, its American rival.

Mr Rimell said one of the defendants, David Reed, head of corporate finance at CNW, had made an "embarrassingly vehement" selling pitch to him before the issue closed, while another defendant, Nicholas Wells, who worked with Mr Reed, had also painted an upbeat picture about the issue and the bid.

Cross examined by Alun Jones, QC, for Stephen Clark, CNW's finance director, Mr Rimell agreed there were problems with the management of CNWS. He said Mr Cohen's management decisions on CNWS had been a "disaster" and that he had made "appalling" choices of people to work in CNWS.

He denied that his salary package of about £170,000 tempered his dissatisfaction about taking the stake.

The trial continues today.

Savoy business 'at lowest in 50 years'

By Neil Bennett

THE Savoy Hotel says it suffered the worst slump in business in the first three months of the year since the second world war, and is slashing its capital expenditure to compensate for the fall in the number of guests.

The hotel group, which owns The Berkeley, Claridge's and The Connaught in London and The Lancaster in Paris as well as The Savoy itself, suffered a 21 per cent fall in pre-tax profits last year to £10.3 million. The year's dividend is being held at 7p for A shares and 3.5p for B shares.

Giles Shepard, the managing director, said business between January and March had been very uncomfortable. "You would have to go back to 1940 to find a period when business was affected so quickly," he said. Occupancy levels have risen since Easter but are still below average for the time of year.

Profits fell in 1990 due to the affects of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and a 7 per cent rise in costs to £81.5 million.

This was partly caused by the introduction of the uniform business rate, which increased the group's rates bill by 29 per cent to £1.8 million.

"We have spent £60 million in the last five years buffing ourselves up," said Mr Shepard. Capital spending is being cut to about £8 million this year.

Rouble trading has shaky start

From Bruce Clark in Moscow

GOSBANK, the Soviet Union's monetary authority, made its first faltering moves towards operating a foreign-exchange market yesterday, but some of its would-be players seemed unable or unwilling to grasp its complexities.

Only $50,000 changed hands at what was billed as the first trading session of an exchange in which 11 Soviet banks have been licensed to buy and sell foreign exchange on their own account or on behalf of enterprises. So it remains unclear whether Gosbank has the ability, even in a highly regulated market, to prevent the Soviet currency from plunging through the floor.

The catch with the new sessions is that a Soviet business that orders hard currency from one of the "primary dealers" must produce documents showing that the money is needed for the purchase of raw materials, or at any rate some more lofty aim than speculation.

In the old system of occasional currency auctions, under the aegis of Vneshekonombank, the foreign trade bank, enterprises could participate directly and with no questions asked. Yesterday's low turnover reflected corporate clients' inability to prepare the necessary documentation in time, Gosbank insisted. "The session should be simply be seen a dress rehearsal," a spokesman said.

Gosbank's intention has been to hold trading sessions, operating by a simple form of open outcry, twice weekly. Under a new arrangement intended to mark a step towards convertibility, the "fixing price", determined by the professional market, is to be used by Soviet banks for the currency transactions of tourists and, within strict limits, Soviet citizens. The central bank set the new system in motion a few days ago with a rate of 27.60 roubles to the dollar, matching black market prices and increasing by five times the buying power of tourists, assuming they can find anything to buy other than wooden *matrioshka* dolls and eggs.

The rate determined yesterday was 32 roubles, 35 kopecks per dollar — a rate that values the Soviet monthly wage at around $10. But because of the poor turnover, the rate will not be used for individual transactions, Gosbank officials said. The central bank will attempt its next trading session on Tuesday, and for the meantime it will be happy if it can convene traders once a week.

Oleg Mozhaiskov, a Gosbank executive, said restrictions on access to the market were needed because of the voracious appetite for hard currency of small private co-operatives and joint ventures, mainly for tax-dodging.

JOHN MANNING

Steady smile: Sir Philip Beck, chairman of Mowlem, is hopeful about the future

Mowlem asks for £45m in rights

By Our City Staff

JOHN Mowlem has joined the growing band of housebuilders and construction companies asking shareholders for new money by announcing a one-for-five rights isssue that will raise £45.6 million after expenses.

Sir Philip Beck, the chairman, said the rights issue proceeds will be invested in the group's equipment hire and housebuilding businesses. Assuming the company receives the official go-ahead to fly certain jets from its London City Airport, a further £7 million will be required for building works. He said that Mowlem was also looking to expand a number of its activities into the rest of Europe.

The new shares are priced at 265p, a 22.7 per cent discount to yesterday's opening price. Mowlem shares closed 12p up at 355p.

The rights issue accompanied Mowlem's figures for the year to end-December, which showed pre-tax profits up from £22 million in 1989 to £34 million. The 1989 profits were struck only after a £33 million exceptional write-down against London City Airport. Last year the company made provisions of £6 million against its residential land bank and commercial properties.

An unchanged final dividend of 15.35p is paid, to give an unchanged total of 21p.

Sir Philip said: "We're not reporting a brilliant year and I expect 1991 to be no less challenging." He said that a recovery in the housing market would have a positive effect on a number of Mowlem's activities. Mowlem's housebuilding operation built 400 units during the year and reported an operating loss of £3.7 million.

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Laidlaw declares truce with ADT

By Angela Mackay

LAIDLAW, the Canadian waste services and motor company, has called a truce and withdrawn allegations of insider trading against Michael Ashcroft, the chairman of ADT, the car auction and security group in which Laidlaw holds 29 per cent.

The Canadian company said it had amended the suit filed in New York last week against ADT, Mr Ashcroft, and certain other directors and dropped some of the allegations including one accusing Mr Ashcroft of improper dealings in BAA shares last year. Mr Ashcroft denied the allegation.

A spokesman for ADT said dropping the insider dealing allegation had been "a very good idea before the two parties sit down today at Laidlaw's board meeting in Toronto".

Both sides have been airing grievances about each over the past ten days. ADT has accused Laidlaw of trying to take control of the company while party to a standstill agreement. Laidlaw has alleged ADT manipulated assets to inflate profits.

However, peace plans were revived yesterday after Laidlaw apparently rejected ADT's compromise at the weekend. Donald Jackson, Laidlaw's president and chief executive, yesterday said he "encourages" Mr Ashcroft's proposal to list ADT shares on the New York Stock Exchange, to adopt quarterly reporting, to establish an audit committee and to reconstitute ADT's board to include independant directors and three Laidlaw nominees, and viewed them as "a positive first step".

Mr Jackson said: "These and related matters need to be discussed with ADT in substantially greater detail . . . to enhance value for shareholders and improve corporate governance." The chance for discussion will arise today at a meeting of Laidlaw's board. Mr Ashcroft is a director and is expected to attend.

Stanhope may sell buildings in London scheme

By Matthew Bond

STANHOPE Properties is likely to sell several buildings in its Broadgate development, the £1.6 billion office scheme built around Liverpool Street station in London.

The news came as the company's interim figures, and full-year results from UK Land, confirmed that the slump in the commercial property market was continuing.

In the six months to end-December, Stanhope made pre-tax losses of £33.8 million, compared to a profit of £20.1 million in 1989. The shares dropped 4.5p to 86p.

At UK Land the fall was more dramatic. The shares slid 25p to 115p after the company disclosed a pre-tax loss of £14.8 million for the year to end-September and a halving in net assets per share, had its accounts qualified and passed its dividend.

Stanhope's involvement at Broadgate is through Rosehaugh-Stanhope Developments, an associate company. Of the 12 buildings the associate has completed or is completing, it has sold only one, to Bankers Trust, and placed one other, phase four, on the market.

Phase four was marketed last summer at a reputed price of around £200 million but has yet to be sold. Yesterday Stanhope said that since the ending of the Gulf war there had been investor interest in phase four and in other buildings at Broadgate. Several discussion were in progress and the company was prepared to consider disposals "on a selected basis on acceptable terms".

Stanhope's figures were hit by £25.1 million of property provisions and a £14.7 million share of losses made by associated companies.

Analysts believe both figures largely relate to the Broadgate associate, which last year made a pre-tax loss of £41.1 million. As normal there is no interim dividend.

At UK Land, Colin Tett, the chairman, described last year as a "terrible year" and said that for any property company it had been a year "to control cashflow and stay in business". The company's auditor has qualified UK Land's accounts amid concern about the value of its biggest development, a business park at Northampton.

The auditor is concerned about the value of the project, both as an continuing development and, when completed, as a let investment.

Following the slide into losses, UK Land is not paying a final and only dividend (14.5p).

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Top computer firms agree on compatibility

From Wolfgang Münchau in Brussels

TWENTY of the world's leading computer companies have reached an agreement aimed at standardising the confusing array of computer systems and software.

The companies, with a joint turnover of $50 billion and including Compaq, Microsoft, Olivetti, Bull, and NEC, are claiming that the decision represents the most important development in the computer industry in the Nineties. They add that it is comparable only with the introduction of the personal computer more than 10 years ago.

The 20, which have worked for more than two years on the agreement, announced yesterday here and in New York the launch of the so-called Advanced Computing Environment (ACE), an initiative that will ensure that the next generation of computers is compatible with a wide variety of microprocessor designs, operating environments and software products.

However, the agreement falls short of hopes that the industry would be able to agree on a single technical standards for personal computers. Instead, the differing standards will continue under ACE, but will be designed on the basis of an "open system".

The deal comes amid difficult times for the computer industry, which is suffering from excess capacity and strongly increased competition worldwide. The difficulties are particularly pronounced in Europe, where most computer makers are losing money. The increase in costs and competition is partly due to the multiplication of incompatible computer systems.

ACE will allow access between the two leading families of operating systems, one designed by Microsoft of America, which includes the familiar DOS system and the new graphical interfaces, DOS windows and OS/2, and Unix, a new generation system developed by the Santa Cruz Corporation.

ACE will ensure compatibility between various designs of chips, the Intel chips, as used on most personal computers, and the newer generation of so-called RISC chips. ACE will allow the consumer to upgrade to new computer generations, or new software products, without having to opt for the replacement of an entire system, while producers will avoid waste of resources on R & D.

Andreas Barth, the vice-president of Compaq Europe, predicted that ACE will become the "predominant system of the 1990s, different from anything ever seen in the industry before".

ACE compatible products will become available to programme writers later this year and to the end-users next year.

Boosey moves up the profit scale

JOHN MANNING

Hitting the right note: Richard Holland, the chief executive of Boosey & Hawkes

A DRAMATIC improvement in profit margins on the manufacturing of musical instruments lifted pre-tax profits at Boosey & Hawkes by 32 per cent to £3.25 million last year (Jonathan Prynn writes).

However, Richard Holland, the chief executive, said the prospects for this year should be viewed with some caution because "traditionally, the sale of instruments and sheet music is not affected until late in the recessionary cycle". Sales of musical instruments were down in the first quarter of this year, he said, although he expected an uplift later.

Operating profits of the instrument division increased by 36 per cent to £2.9 million on sales up 5 per cent to £38.8 million. Turnover and operating profits of the music publishing division increased by 2 per cent to £10.3 million and £2.6 million respectively.

A final dividend of 12.4p makes 16.4p for the year, up a third on the 12.3p paid for 1989. Earnings per share were 49.4p (37.2p).

Expamet issues cash call to repay loans

By Colin Campbell

EXPAMET International, the building products group, is calling for £21 million before expenses via a one-for-three rights issue at 135p a share.

Jeremy Beasley, the chairman, says the funds will be used to repay bank loans to allow Expamet to accelerate development of existing business and make acquisitions.

Expamet's borrowings total £35.5 million, compared with cash balances of £3.9 million. Last month, the group reported pre-tax profits for the year to end-December down to £12.8 million (£13.6 million) and its 1990 interest charge up to £3.97 million (£3.58 million).

Expamet now says the severe weather in January and February, and the depressed economy have kept its markets difficult so far this year. The shares rose by 2p to 170p yesterday.

Betacom drops its dividend payment

By Jonathan Prynn

ABOVE and below the line provisions resulted in a £2.85 million attributable loss last year at Betacom, the telephone distributor under new management, which has dropped its dividend.

In spite of a small second-half trading profit, pre-tax losses for the year to end-December were £2.44 million (£278,000 profit). An exceptional cost of £2 million relates to stock provisions, additional depreciation and amortisation, and compensation for directors' loss of office. There is a £653,000 extraordinary item relating to writedowns on fax machines.

No dividend (1.1p) is being paid as the company has a deficit on its profit and loss account. Permission is being sought for a reduction in the share premium account to allow the deficit to be eliminated.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

New customers pusl Shandwick past £8m

SHANDWICK, the world's largest PR agency, won u than 600 new clients in the first half of the current pushing interim pre-tax profits up 12 per cent, to £ million. Turnover for the six months to end-January £75.59 million, up 4.7 per cent on the previous year.

Net bank debt was £39 million, though this is expecte decrease in the current financial period. The year end is b changed to October 31 to reduce the imbalance between first and second halves. Two interim dividends will be pa 1.18p (0.89p) payment for the first six months, a second announced in October, and a final dividend for the months to end-October. The shares improved 7p to 106

Erith drops to £2.3m

PRE-TAX profits at Erith, a builders' merchant, fell from £3.04 million to £2.3 million last year on a turnover of £77.7 million (£86.4 million). The total dividend is held at 3.9p, with an unchanged final of 2.6p, on earnings per share of 3.96p (4.77p). Erith plans to raise £2.8 million by a placing and open offer at 69p per share on a one-for-ten basis.

P&O to list Hong Kong

THE Peninsular and ental Steam Naviga Company (P&O) is to listed on the Hong K stock exchange, Lord S ling, its chairman, said radio programme in colony. P&O sees H Kong becoming the Pa rim headquarters for interests, mainly in struction, shipping transportion.

Alexandra falls £0.9m

SMALLER workforces have led to thinner orders Alexandra Workwear, supplier of uniforms and career for industry. Pre-tax profits fell to £6.6 million (£7.5 milli in the year to February 2, leaving earnings per share lowe 13.4p (15.4p). The board, led by John Prior, chairman chief executive, is lifting the dividend to 5p (4.7p) with recommendation of a 3.2p final.

Redundancy and closure costs led to an £868, extraordinary charge. Garment volumes fell, but ad value services ensured that gross margins were maintain

City Centre figures up

CITY Centre Restaurants, the operator of Garfunkels and other restaurant chains, served up increased full-year profits, in spite of difficult trading conditions in the second half. Pre-tax profits rose to £10.6 million (£10.1 million) in the year to end-December. The final dividend is raised to 0.94p (0.815p), for an improved total of 1.39p (1.265p).

Profits slum at Britannia

BRITANNIA Group, property group, has wri £1.2 million off the valu land that it failed to sel the second half. Pre-tax p its fell from £3.04 millio £631,000. A final divid of 1.1p makes 3p for year, compared with a 5 payout for 1989. Shareh ers funds at the year- were £8.33 million or 73.5 share (73.4p).

Bourne End £2m loss

FALLING bank interest rates have forced Bourne End Pr erties to write off a three-year interest rate cap acquired at time of its £16 million purchase of a portfolio of Mag stores in March last year. With interest rates now below level of the 13 per cent cap, Bourne End has written its va down to zero, resulting in a £585,000 exceptional item.

Although rental income quadrupled to £3.6 million, a apse in profits from property sales resulted in the comp reporting a pre-tax loss of £2.2 million (£1 million profit year. The final dividend, halved to 1p, makes 2p (3p).

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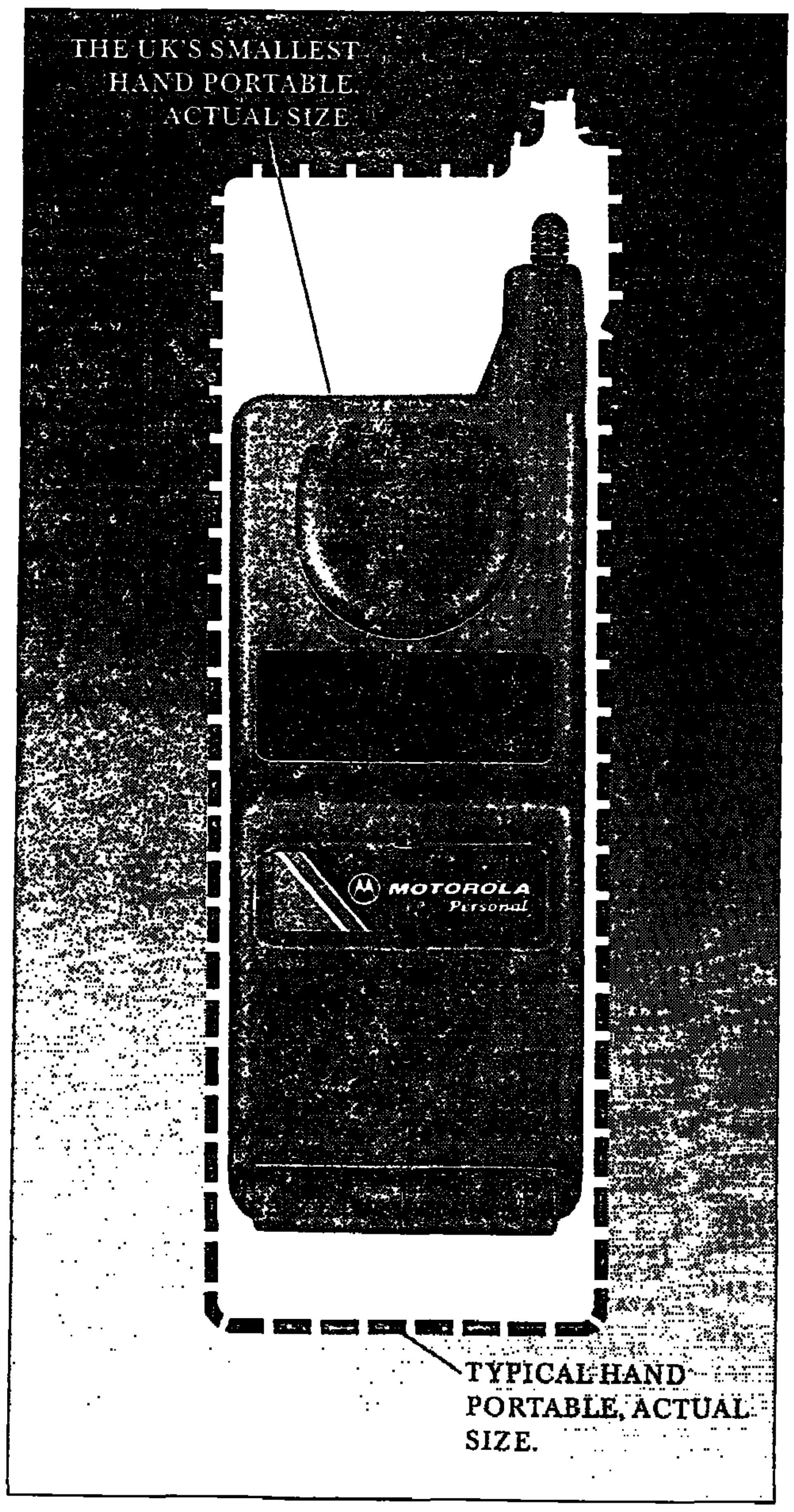
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Europa row comes to a head today

By Philip Pangalos

A DISPUTE that has been brewing for several months is likely to erupt at today's annual meeting of Europa Minerals, the mining finance group.

Supporters of Alastair Holberton, a former managing director who left Europa last July after "policy disagreements", say they are dissatisfied with the current management and concerned at the erosion of their investment. Europa shares were floated at 100p in February, 1989. They closed yesterday at 17p.

The rebel shareholders will today seek to replace certain Europa directors with their own nominees.

Mr Holberton's followers have the backing of Abbey Life Assurance, holder of 9.7 per cent of Europa's capital, although today's outcome depends on how other institutional shareholders vote.

About 94 per cent of Europa's shares are held by 70 shareholders, with the balance spread among 2,100 others. First indications suggest about 90 per cent of smaller shareholders have voted by proxy to oust the directors up for re-election.

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Fairhaver lifts payou

FAIRHAVEN Internat which has various Sc and American interests oil, gas and petroch industries, is considering role it might play i reconstruction of K (Colin Campbell writes)

The group earlier nounced plans for London stock exchang ing, and is anxious to acquisitions. Last year, haven sold shares in shipping firms and a tanker for $17.25 millio led to a $1.42 million tional credit in the g accounts.

Pre-tax profits for th to end-December were million ($7.32 million) turnover of $301.1 m ($175.1 million). The dend is 2 cents (1 cent).

UK Optical

IN THE story 'Boots h eye to the future', carri yesterday's editions, it stated that UK Optical last June. Although Optical's British prods plant, in Kidwelly, sout Wales, ceased productio summer, *The Times* wis make it clear that UK O Ltd, part of American O Corporation, continue trade.

COMPANY BRIEFS

BLOCKLEYS (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.29m (£5.37m) EPS: 9.16p (14.03p) Div: 2.86p, mkg 4.81p	Last time's total dividend was Turnover fell to £14.3m (£17.8 Company expects little opport for improved trading this year.
BOSTROM (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.05m (£2.90m) EPS: 24.8p (24.1p) Div: 3.5p, mkg 6p	Total dividend last time 5.75p. Turnover £35.2m (£28.6m). No fully taxed earnings 16.6p (16.1p). Outlook remains unce
TUDOR (Fin) Pre-tax: £325,000 EPS: 3.66p (5.94p) Div: 1.7p, mkg 2.7p	Last time's profit was £384,00 Last time's total dividend was 2.7p. The company said that fi quarter has been encouraging
SHERWOOD COMPUTER Pre-tax: £1.99m (£2.02m) EPS: 17p (25p) Div: 3.75p, mkg 5.25p	Final results. Last time's total dividend was 4.5p. Exceptions debit of £125,000 (£250,000). Turnover fell to £24.8m (£25.4
RICHARDS GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.46m (£1.33m) EPS: 12.01p (11.01p) Div: 2.75p mkg 4.4p	Total dividend last time was 4 Extraordinary debit of £863,00 Company said bank borrowing have been eliminated.
RIVA GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £778,000 EPS: 2.4p (LPS: 3.3p) Div: Nil	The comparative figures are f months. Riva made a £897,00 last time. Exceptional credit of £184,000. Turnover £66m (£21
NEW ENGLAND PROPS. Pre-tax: £1.55m (£3.11m) EPS: 1.2p (2.9p) Div: Nil	Final results. Extraordinary de of £3.33m (nil). Net assets per share slipped to 22.5p (29.5p). Turnover fell to £2.93m (£4.84
THOMPSON CLIVE INV. Pre-tax: £780,000 EPS: 4.1p (2.7p) Div: 3.6p (2p)	Final results. Last time's profit was £454,000. Fully diluted net asset value was 163.8p (177.1 and undiluted 168.9p (183.6p).
WESCOL GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: Loss £180,000 LPS: 1.1p (EPS: 6.4p) Div: Nil (1.5p)	Last time's profit was £910,00 Exceptional debit of £579,000 (nil). Interest payments jumped to £193,000 (£94,000).

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Timely thoughts on a taxing issue

COMMENT

is fashionable to criticise ritish companies, especially iose who are seeking the help iministrators, for too heavy a ince on short-term owings and for not having igh equity in their balance ets.

Vhile the present spate of cash on shareholders' pockets, the number of corporate nancings involving equity for swaps is undoubtedly essing this imbalance it ild not be forgotten that the regime in the UK favours financing rather than equity ncing.

it is timely of the Institute Fiscal Studies to propose a igeing reform of corporation which the Chancellor ntly tinkered with by cutting op rate from 35 per cent to 34 cent on profits earned in)-91, with a further cut to 33 cent for 1991-92.

or companies floundering in lepths of the present business e the IFS report *Equity for panies, a Corporation Tax he 1990s*, is too late. But for long term the proposals ear sound and may have even greater impact in Whitehall now that the institute's former director, Bill Robinson, is Mr Lamont's special adviser.

The history of corporation tax is murky. Until 1973 all profits were taxed, whether distributed or not, and shareholders paid up again on receipt of the dividend. In 1973 the advanced corporation tax was then allowed to be offset against profits, but only those in the UK. And the 1984 reforms, sweeping away stock relief brought non-corporation taxpaying companies into the net.

IFS proposes that the tax would be levied on profits after deducting an allowing for the size of the shareholders funds, adjusted for dividends and holdings in other companies.

Shareholders funds would be calculated at end-year by adding in funds reinvested in the company at opening value, and consist of taxed profits, net of tax paid, dividends from British companies, and new equity issues, less outflows in the form of dividends and share purchases from other companies at money cost.

Then relief on the return on these shareholders funds would be calculated by allowing for an ordinary return on the money, referring to the return the Government was offering investors in medium dated gilt-edged stock.

This would allow ordinary commerical profits to roll up year after year without being taxed - encouraging directors to look at projects which they thought may be worthwhile but which may turn out to generate only a marginal return at the end of the day.

It would also put the cost of equity finance onto a similar putting the cost of debt finance. Finance directors would have to be far less concerned about the balance between declared taxable profits now and future allowances. The IFS sees the reform offering valuable simplification of the tax system on the home front and a flexible route to harmonising corporate taxation in Europe.

Adding to the long campaign for neatral tax treatment of personal finances the IFS is now making a long overdue attack on the distortions in the corporate sector.

Siting shot

Frankfurt's claim yesterday to be "the natural choice" for the site of a future European central bank should have provoked a few guffaws among the weary finance ministers returning from the latest negotiating session over European monetary union in Luxembourg. After all, the Bundesbank, headquartered in Frankfurt, insists that there should be no Eurofed until 1997, while the French and Italians want a central bank by 1994.

Logic, as usual, is on the side of the Bundesbank. Setting up a Eurofed before member countries were ready to cede it real power would simply confuse the present ERM arrangements, which allow the Bundesbank to follow its own targets while everyone else falls into line. This is precisely what the French want to overcome by sliding as quickly as possible into an ill-defined Stage Two of Emu.

This tension between the Germans and the French could present a golden opportunity for the City of London, if only the government could pursue Britain's national interests instead of arguing over Thatcherite totems. If Britain abandoned its nonsensical plan for a new parallel currency and backed one side or another in the debate over the timing of Emu, its swing vote could well carry the day.

The government should make it clear that the price for its support would be the siting of the Eurofed in London. A compromise might then look like this. The French could get their way on the 1994 starting date. Germany could be persuaded to agree to this, provided the Eurofed was given real power over the monetary policies of an inner core of low-inflation countries, including both Germany and France. A further sweetener would be to put a German in the chair – Karl Otto Pöhl would be young enough to do the job in 1994, but not in 1997. As for Britain, it could keep monetary control outside the Eurofed until 1997 or later, for good economic reasons. As for the politics of "second class" Euro-citizenship, having the Eurofed in London could certainly allay this fear.

New player is a wild card in the travel game

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Price promise: Peter Long, who has launched Sunworld

That would mean little or none of the discounting that can savage profit margins.

Last night came a move by a group of former Goodman lieutenants, led by Peter Long, former chief executive of ILG Travel, that will bring less certainty for all the players in the industry. ILG Travel, the package tours arm, was reportedly set to make good profits this year. ILG's terminal losses were on its airline operations. Mr Long, as newly appointed chief executive of Iberotravel – backed by Grupo Viajes Iberia, Spain's biggest travel company, with a £300 million annual turnover – has launched Sunworld. From June it will be marketing 300,000 holidays offerings, about 100,000 of them flights only and the rest full packages.

All the popular Mediterranean destinations are covered together with Florida. Mr Long said prices would be competitive, with a promise not to be undersold. He ruled out undercutting on prices – "the industry has had too much of that sort of pain".

There are bound to be fears in the industry the Long foray could lead to some oversupply of summer holidays, although Mr Long believes there will still be a shortage of package holidays in high season.

Rosemary Astles, marketing director of Thomson Tour Operations, which is leader with 32 per cent of the summer market in packages, said: "It has proved a difficult year so far. Things look better now. But there are still questions. We estimate now that this summer's trade will be between 5 and 10 per cent down on last year."

However she and other industry leaders must now wait to see what impact Sunworld will actually have, since putting on capacity is one thing and selling it another.

At the beginning of the booking season, Thomson had looked to sell 2 million holidays. Had ILG not gone down, Thomson estimates it would probably have sold about 1.8 million. After the ILG failure it has been looking to sell 2.2 million.

Similar benefits could be seen by the two other sizeable players among tour operators – Airtours and Owners Abroad, both with about 12 per cent market share.

Holiday volumes in May and June are expected to be unexceptional because the main booking period for them fell during the Gulf war and were badly hit. Holiday bookings plunged during the Gulf confrontation by up to 70 per cent.

The drop turned off a cash-flow that would otherwise have been running because of booking deposits. This is what pushed companies over the edge and probably left some others uncomfortably close to it.

The question, especially if profit margins are squeezed harder this summer as competition builds again, will be not so much whether more failures occur but how many there will be.

DEREK HARRIS

Mowlem builds a buffer

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JOHN Mowlem spent last year getting its balance sheet into better shape than many observers believed possible.

In spite of a recession that should have affected all Mowlem's construction related activities, gearing dropped from 52 per cent at the end of 1989 to 35 per cent at the end of last year, helped by an impressive performance from the group's construction and scaffolding divisions. Even now it has risen only modestly to about 39 per cent.

So why the need for a one-for-five rights issue at 265p, which raises a modest £45.6 million for the company and which, until the board works out exactly what to spend it on, temporarily reduces gearing to just 13 per cent?

Cynics will point out that the cash call fills the hole made in the balance sheet by London City Airport, the pioneering but loss-making airport that opened for business in 1987 and which has already cost Mowlem £33 million in provisions.

Prospects for the airport, however, have seldom been brighter. A decision to allow certain classes of jets to use it is expected soon. By next year that could transform from white elephant to milch cow.

What the new money will provide is the financial muscle to survive a difficult 1991, enabling the company to take advantage of any modestly sized opportunities that present themselves.

Having reported pre-tax profits of £34 million last year and total dividends of 21p, Mowlem will do well to make even the most modest advances this year. On a theoretical ex-rights price of 330p, its shares stand on an adjusted price/earnings multiple of over 14. High enough for now.

Laird Group

WITH almost 80 per cent of its profits arising overseas, Laird Group ought soon to be in a position to shine. The company might have done better last year, had it not been for exceptionally high start-up costs of £3 million in Germany, Spain and America, although it did benefit by £1 million from favourable foreign-exchange movements.

As it is, pre-tax profits have emerged a shade below market expectations at £38.9 million (£43.7 million), with the company complaining that it ran into weaker demand from the French motor industry and felt the effects of Britain's recession in construction.

Even these flatter to deceive, and earnings per share, on an equity bases increased by a fifth in 1989, are down by almost 20 per cent, at 24.4p.

All of which might explain why the shares, at 233p, are underperforming the sector.

What they do not appear to recognise is the group's potential for next year, when a strong recovery in the motor industry generally is expected, and Laird's European positioning puts in pole position to benefit.

German buoyancy should ensure that this year does not disappoint too much, although profits could slip to £36 million, but £45 million is now being pencilled in for 1992, putting the shares on an 8.3 price earnings rating one year out.

Given interest cover of more than 8 times, and, even now, the possibility of a bid, the shares have definite attractions.

Wardle Storeys

WARDLE Storeys can [illegible] its liquid balance sheet and the appeal of a 6.5 per cent yield that its share price did not fall more than 12p to 306p yesterday on lower interim profits and a blunt warning about the second half.

Pre-tax interim profits down to £4.29 million (£5 million) to end-February were the aggregate of near-doubled profits from the safety and survival equipment interests and more than halved profits from the technical products division.

Net interest received was a handy £1.84 million (£1.8 million), generated on net cash balances that stood at about £30 million at last balance sheet date, although the impact of lower interest rates could see the second half net interest contribution slip.

The interim dividend is held at 4p a share but the second half is going to be at least as much of a struggle as the first.

While Wardle's parachute interests served it well, technical products, serving the British automotive industry, were hard hit by reduced volumes. Overseas expansion for technical products will help profits, but not this year.

The year's pre-tax outcome could be only £8 million, against £11.1 million, but there is no reason why the final dividend should not be held, if at the expense of earnings cover. For income attraction only.

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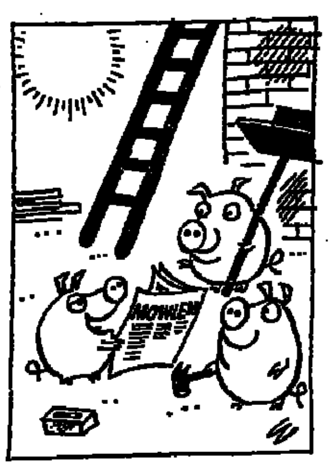
WITH the ADT London Marathon less than two weeks away, Michael Ashcroft is clearly worried about the publicity surrounding his public row with Laidlaw. Talk in the Square Mile is that he is paying Lowe Bell Communications, the PR agency, £10,000 a week to keep his image intact and a further £10,000 a week for the personal attention of master image maker Sir Tim "Tinker" Bell who runs Lowe Bell. Lowe Bell refused to confirm or deny the figures.

Warsaw concerto

ELMA Brough, head of public relations for the past two and a half years at The Securities Association – now to be known as the Securities and Futures Authority – is taking on an even steeper challenge. She has been appointed public relations adviser to Poland's privatisation programme, a role that will put her at the forefront of efforts to attract Western aid to boost the troubled Polish economy. Brough, an accomplished pianist, first visited Poland 14 years ago to carry out research for a doctorate on 17th century Polish music. She began her working life with the Foreign Office, which posted her back to Warsaw as press attaché to the British embassy. Clearly ambitious, Brough then studied for an MBA at Cranfield, paying the tuition fees herself, before joining TSA in 1988. "There is a strong emphasis in Poland on using foreign press relations to attract investment," says Brough, aged 37, who leaves for Warsaw on April 29. Geoffrey Turner, an SFA director, takes over her old job.



"We must be the only builders who have not had a rights issue."

Barnes' stormer

BELL Lawrie White, the Edinburgh broker, challenged *City Diary* readers to give alternative meanings for *Taurus*, the acronym for the electronic settlement system – transfer and automatic registration of uncertificated stock – due to be brought in by the International Stock Exchange next year. After wading through a huge pile of entries, the reader deemed to have dreamed up the most amusing variations is Fred Barnes of Blackpool, whose entries included *The Add Up Really Useful System*, *Tips Are Unreliable Regarding Unstable Stocks*, and – perhaps prophetically – *This Answer Undoubtedly Receives Unlimited Scotch*. An 18-year-old bottle of Glenmorangie is, as promised, on its way . . .

Board prescription

SIR John Quinton, chairman of Barclays, has allowed Ken Sinclair, chairman of BZW Securities, to join the board of Medeva, the fast-growing pharmaceuticals company that gained a full quote last year, as a non-executive director. Sinclair hopes to spare "one day a month" for his new job alongside his role in the Barclays group. "I'm sure they would have stopped me from doing it if they wanted," says Sinclair, aged 60, who has been associated with Barclays, in one form or another, for the past 37 years.

DAVID Hood, chairman of Europa, has turned down Nicholas Elliott's challenge to a 100-yard sprint up Cheapside. Elliott, aged 74, threw down the gauntlet in yesterday's City Diary after Europa suggested he was too old to join two other dissident directors on the board. "All three should sprint off into the sunset together and leave us alone," says an indignant Hood.

CAROL LEONARD

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Nat West	Banks,Discount	
2	MEPC	Property	
3	Domino	Electricals	
4	Wholesale Fittings	Electricals	
5	Midland	Banks,Discount	
6	Home Counties	Newspapers,Pub	
7	Sthn Water	Water	
8	BOC	Industrials A-D	
9	Sheffield Insl	Building,Roads	
10	Fisons	Industrials E-K	
11	Sainsbury J	Foods	
12	Molins	Industrials L-R	
13	Smithkl Beech	Industrials S-Z	
14	Marks Spencer	Drapery,Stores	
15	Barclays	Banks,Discount	
16	Rotork	Industrials L-R	
17	AB Food	Foods	
18	BET Ord	Industrials A-D	
19	Calor Gp	Oil,Gas	
20	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
21	Argyll	Foods	
22	NFC	Transport	
23	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
24	Bristol	Newspapers,Pub	
25	Wilkes (James)	Industrials S-Z	
26	Central TV	Leisure	
27	Rank Org	Industrials L-R	
28	Br Telecom	Electricals	
29	Hammerson	Property	
30	Tarmac	Building,Roads	
31	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
32	Davis (Godfrey)	Industrials A-D	
33	Bradford	Property	
34	Clarkson (H)	Transport	
35	Br Borneo	Oil,Gas	
36	Bibby (J)	Industrials A-D	
37	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
38	Headlam	Shoes, Leather	
39	Powell Duffryn	Transport	
40	Reed Int	Newspapers,Pub	
41	RMC Gp	Building,Roads	
42	Davies & Newman	Transport	
43	Lep	Transport	
44	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
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BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
575	480	Allied-Lyons	503	507	-9	23.4	4.6	10.8
1044	897	Bass	933	940 r	-18	43.2	4.6	9.7
175	124	Boddington	168	170 ●	+11	8.0	4.8	11.3
244	179	Bulmer (H P)	227	234	-2	10.5	4.6	17.3
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	125	130	-2	5.3	4.1	11.9
175	135	Devenish (JA)	165	175	-3	7.1	4.2	12.5
61	53	Fosters Brewing Gp	53	55				
839	623	Grand Met	810	812	-4	27.2	3.4	14.6
350	274	Greenall Whit	333	338	+2	13.3	4.0	12.9
434	374	Greene King	419	425	-1	13.8	3.2	15.1
919	717	Guinness	907	912 ●	+3	25.0	2.7	14.3
980	870½	Hardys & Hansons	945	962	-8	44.7	4.7	11.7
279	225	Highland Dist	280	287	-3	6.8	2.5	28.0
167	120	Invergordon Dist	158	160 ●	-5	8.7	4.2	13.1
455	420	Mansfield	435	445	–	15.3	3.5	11.5
214	165	Marston Thompson	211	215	+1	5.8	2.8	17.3
400	364	Matthew Clark	390	397	–	18.0	4.6	13.7
303	240	Morland	285	290	-10	8.8	3.1	13.7
818	558	SA Breweries	795	810	–	–	–	–
409	336	Scot & New	372	374	–	18.2	4.9	13.4
253	174	Vaux Group	230	232	-1	11.7	5.1	11.9
510	409	Whitbread 'A'	460	465	-8	20.4	4.4	12.9
13¼	13¼	Do 'B'	13	13¼	–	20.4	1.5	37.3
500	388	Wolvrhmptn & D	493	500	-2	12.4	2.5	14.1
447	369	Young 'A'	405	422	-7	16.0	3.9	19.7

BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

ELECTRICITY

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
200	142	East Midlands	197	200	+3	20.1	5.9	11.2
192	134½	Eastern Elect	179	182	+1	19.3	6.0	11.9
198	136	London Elect	192	194	+4	19.9	6.0	11.7
241	181	Manweb	236	240	–	21.3	5.8	11.3
198	138	Midlands Elec	189	191	+1	20.1	6.1	10.7
210	143	Northern Elec	205	208	+5	21.7	6.3	10.1
205	143	Norweb	197	200	+5	20.8	6.1	
194	134	Seaboard	185	190	+2	19.7	6.0	12.3
258	154	Sth Wales	252	255	-1	21.3	5.4	12.0
201	138	Sth Western	197	200	+7	20.3	6.0	11.4
191	136½	Southern Elec	188	190	+1	19.3	5.9	11.6
214	157	Yorkshire Elec	212	215	+6	20.8	5.8	10.2
£2005	£1000	Package Unit	£2005		+£25			
140½	108	National Power	127	129	-1	11.0	5.4	8.8
140½	100	PowerGen	125	127	-1	11.1	5.5	9.1

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NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHOES, LEATHER

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %
62	37	Headlam	58	63	+4	3.2	5.2
286	183	Lambert Howarth	255	260 ●	–	15.0	5.8
71	40	Pittard Garnar	58	63	-1	1.0	1.7
32	13½	Strong & Fisher	28	30	–	–	–
285	273	Style	280	290	–	12.0	4.2

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %
733	559	BAT	714	718 ●	-10	41.5	5.8
877	635	Rothmans 'B'	853	860	-5	20.5	2.4

TRANSPORT

WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %
314	261	Anglian Water	303	306	–	20.4	6.4
334	263	Northumbrian	312	315	+1	21.4	5.0
318	257	North West	309	312	-1	21.0	5.8
294	231	Severn Trent	285	288	-1	19.8	5.5
300	229	Sthn Water	270	274	+4	20.0	5.5
327	255	South West	296	300	–	23.2	6.3
315	258	Thames Water	308	311	+2	21.4	5.6
358	272	Welsh Water	337	340	-13	22.4	5.6
383	255	Wessex Water	377	379	-4	20.3	4.5
328	264	Yorkshire Water	320	324	-1	20.8	5.5
£3005	£1000	Package Unit	£3050		-£7		

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day's lows but under pressure from weak bond prices. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.2 points by mid-morning to 2,914.36. Declining shares led narrowly.

● Frankfurt — Shares ended a quiet session mixed when follow-up orders failed to emerge after early gains. The Dax index ended 2.16 points higher at 1,582.11.

● Sydney — Market makers were evident in an otherwise dull market, which closed higher on the back of New York's firmer lead overnight. The All Ordinaries index closed 4.5 points up at 1,449.1.

● Singapore — Prices retreated on selling pressure, taking their cue from Asian markets. The Straits Times industrial index fell 22.80 points to 1,469.44. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

Apr 8 close		Apr 9 midday	Apr 8 close		Apr 9 midday	Apr 8 close
49%	Enron	56%	56%	Oryx Energy	32%	32%
46%	Entergy	23%	23%	Pac Ent	36%	36%
15%	Ethyl	32	31%	Pac Gas Elec	25%	25%
67%	Exxon	57%	57%	Pac Telesis	41%	41%
47	Fed NMA	46%	48	Paccar	38%	38%
21%	Fedl Exprs	34%	34%	Pacificorp	22%	22%
32	Ft Norstar	16%	16%	Pall	36%	35%
26%	Fluor	47%	48%	Paramount	38%	39%
64%	FMC	38	36%	Parker-Hanfn	25	24%
42%	Ford Motor	31%	31%	Penney	52%	53%
36%	FPL	30%	30%	Pennzoil	71%	72%
29%	Fst Chicago	24%	24	Pepsico	32%	32%
40%	Fst Intrsta	33	32%	Pfizer	56%	57%
56%	Fst Union	21%	23%	Phlips Pet	27%	27%
101%	Gannett	40%	40%	Phlips Elec	19%	20
7%	Gen Cinema	24%	24	Philip Morris	66	66%
66%	Gen Elec	72%	71%	Phlps Dodge	62%	63%
26%	Gen Mills	56%	57%	Pitney Bow	55%	55%
46%	Gen Motors	37%	37%	Plcr Dome	14%	14%
66%	Gen RE	101%	101%	PNC Fncl	31	31%
26%	Gen Signal	44	43%	Pnhdle Estn	14%	14%
52%	Genentech	27%	26%	Polaroid	24	24
51%	Genuine Pts	39%	39%	PPG Inds	48	48%
56%	Georgia-Pac	41%	42%	Prctr Gmble	84%	85
52%	Gillette	79%	80%	Price	51%	52
70	Goodrich	40%	42	Primerica	31%	31%
23%	Goodyear	23	23%	Pub Service	26%	27
18%	Grace	30%	30%	Quaker Oats	56%	59%
29%	Greyhound	32%	32%	Ralston Pur	56%	58
25	Gt Atlantic	54%	53%	Raychem	25%	25%
31%	Gt Western	17%	18%	Raytheon	81%	80%
34%	GTE	33	32%	Reebok	24%	24%
126%	Hallibrtn	44%	45%	Roadway	48%	48%
67	Heinz	39%	40%	Rockwell	26%	26%
24%	Hercules	34%	34%	Rohm Haas	38%	39%
44%	Hershey Fd	41%	41%	Royal Dutch	78%	77%
26%	Hewlett Pkd	51%	51%	Rubbermaid	52%	52%
36%	Hilton Htl	36%	36%	Rynlds Mtl	56	56
37%	Home Depot	55%	55%	Safeco	42%	42
24	Homestake	16%	16%	Salomon	30%	29%
23%	Honeywell	59%	57%	Sant Fe Pac	16	[illegible]
81	Houston Ind	36%	36%	Sara Lee	39%	40%
34%	Hoshld Intl	46%	46%	Schecorp	36%	36%
77	Humana	50%	50%	Schlumbgr	56%	56%
49%	IBM	112%	113	Schrg-Plgh	49%	49%
52%	IF&F	79%	81%	Scott Papr	39%	39%
27%	Illinois TW	53%	53%	Seagram	96%	96%
13	Inco	33%	34%	Sears Rbk	34%	34%
54%	Ingsol-Rand	44%	45%	Securty Pac	25	25%
44%	Inland Steel	18%	18%	Shrwn-Wlms	22%	23
46%	Intel	47%	48%	Skyline	17%	17%
25%	Intl Paper	60%	60%	Snap-on Tls	30	30%
37%	ITT	57	58	Southern	28	28%
78%	James River	26%	27	St Paul	72%	72%
27%	Johnsn Jhsn	96%	96%	Stanley Wk	35%	35%
29%	K Mart	42	41%	Stone Cntr	14%	14%
9%	Kellogg	[illegible]	85%	Sun Co	30%	30%
84%	Kerr-McGee	41%	40%	Suntst Bk	26%	26%
457%	Kmbly-Clrk	[illegible]	[illegible]	Super Valu	27%	27%
51	Knght-Rddr	[illegible]	[illegible]	SW Bell	52%	52%
46%	Lilly	[illegible]	[illegible]	Syntex	82%	82%
46%	Limited	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sysco	36%	36%
170%	Lin Brdcstg	[illegible]	[illegible]	Tandem	14%	14%
45%	Lincoln Nat	[illegible]	[illegible]	Tandy	34%	33%
26%	Litton Ind	56%	[illegible]	Tele-comm	17%	16%
17%	Lockheed	41%	42%	Teledyne	20%	20
19%	Louis-Pac	31%	31%	Temple-In	38%	38%
7%	Manu Hano	27%	27%	Tenneco	43%	43%
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73%	Marsh Mclen	[illegible]	[illegible]	Texas Inst	42%	42%
52%	Martin Mar	55	55%	Texas Util	37%	37%
15%	Masco	23%	23%	Textron	30%	30%
48%	May Dept	54%	54%	Time-Wrnr	117%	118%
36%	Maytag	13%	14%	Times Mirr	28%	28
38%	McDnl Doug	40%	40%	Timken	25%	25%
65	McDonalds	35	35%	Torchmark	57%	58%
31	McGraw-Hill	61	61%	Toys R Us	27	27%
53%	MCI Com	26%	26%	Transamer	34%	35
80	Mead	29%	29%	Travelers	24%	24%
43%	Medtronic	119%	119%	Tribune	42%	43%
62%	Mellon Bk	29%	29%	TRW	38%	39
43%	Melville	57%	57%	Tyco Lab	47%	49
25%	Merck	108%	108%	UAL	150	150
42%	Merll Lynch	37%	37%	Un Camp	42%	42%
47%	MMM	86%	86%	Un Carbide	17%	17%
49%	Mobil	65%	65%	Un Pacific	74	74
69	Monsanto	56	57%	Unilever	87%	86%
65	Moore	25	25%	Unisys	5%	5
71%	Morgan	47%	46%	Unocal	25%	25
39%	Motorola	56%	66%	Upjohn	45%	46
30	Nat Medical	49	49%	US West	39	38%
74%	Nat Semi	7%	7%	Usair Gp	18%	18%
46%	Nat Service	25%	25%	USF&G	11%	10%
56%	Navistar	3%	4	US Life	39%	39
39%	NCNB	35%	35%	UST	46%	45%
26%	NCR	97%	97%	USX	32%	32%
65%	NED Bncp	39%	39%	Utd Tech	48	49%
107%	Newmnt Min	36%	36%	Utd Telcm	24%	24%
118%	Niagr Mhwk	14%	14%	VF	28	28%
46%	Nike	44%	44%	Wal-Mart	42	42%
47%	NL Indstrs	12%	12%	Waste Mgmt	39%	39%
40%	Nordstorm	37%	36%	Wells Fargo	75%	75%
60	Norflk Sthn	44%	44%	Westg Elec	28%	28%
25%	Norwest	25%	26%	Weyerhsr	24	24
24%	Nthn St Pwr	34	34%	Whirlpool	28%	29
36%	Nthn Telcm	32	32%	Whitman	13%	13%
29%	NY Times	22	21%	Winn-Dixie	38	36%
47	Nynex	71%	72%	Woolworth	32%	33
42%	Occid Petrl	18%	18	Wrigley	61%	61%
56%	Ohio Ed	19%	19%	Wrner-Lamb	78%	77%
46%	Oracle Sys	10%	10%	Xerox	56%	57%

RECENT ISSUES

		Malaysia Capital	27⅛
	58 -2	Midland Radio	95
	37	Proteus Intl (84p)	118 -2
(100p)	119	Seton Healthcare	168
	44	Smaller IT	80
5p)	134	Stand Platform (225p)	175
	48 -2	Trio Inv Tst	42
	98	Utd Uniform	88 +1
	101	Unichem (100p)	162 +1
0p)	42	Wig Tpe App	238 +4
	115	RIGHTS ISSUES	
	60		
	67	BPP N/P	50
	15	Berkeley N/P	61
p)	129	Harlstone N/P	40 +1
	165	Persimmon N/P	38 +2
p)	158 -5	Redland N/P	75 -7
	65	Sage Gp N/P	23 -3
	8½		
	24	*(Issue price in brackets).*	

T-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
CU	112	Lucas	1,421	Royal Ins	661
Courtaulds	658	M&S	6,967	Sainsbury	1,192
Enterprise	361	Maxwell Cm	1,892	Scot & N	675
Eurotunnel	525	MEPC	267	Sears	2,549
Fisons	1,846	Midland	3,249	Severn Trnt	986
Gen Acc	710	Natl Power	5,400	Shell	2,860
GEC	6,613	Nat West	3,521	Smith & N.	1,688
Glaxo	910	N W Water	2,399	SK Beech	1,137
Grand Met	1,700	P&O	551	Sun Allnce	2,253
GUS 'A'	63	Pearson	1,055	Tarmac	1,108
GRE	2,178	Pilkington	5,897	Tate Lyle	1,982
Guinness	1,947	PowerGen	7,800	TSB	5,039
Hamm 'A'	117	Prudential	1,873	Tesco	2,811
Hanson	5,025	Racal	3,522	Thames Wtr	612
H & C	595	Rk Hovis	1,153	Thorn EMI	869
Hawker	425	Rank	69	Trafalgar	963
Hillsdown	1,108	R&C	199	THF	1,228
ICI	924	Redland	660	Ultramar	959
Kingfisher	954	Reed	1,615	Unilever	1,712
Lasmo	1,228	Reuters	1,689	United Bis	553
Ladbroke	1,364	RMC Gp	254	Wellcome	383
Land Sec	789	RTZ	1,333	Whitbrd	1,460
L&G	973	R-Royce	5,139	Wig Teape	978
Lloyds	2,187	Rothmn 'B'	86	Williams	361
Lonrho	1,717	Royal Bank	371	Willis Cor	1,081

ADITIONAL OPTIONS

Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 19	July 11	July 22

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STOCK MARKET

Shares wait patiently for interest cut

SHARE prices marked time as investors continued to wait patiently for the next cut in interest rates.

The absence of sellers meant losses were restricted although the number of shares changing hands was an encouraging 507 million. The FT-SE 100 index started the day firm, helped by the overnight rise on Wall Street. But the momentum could not be maintained. It finished the session 2.7 lower at 2,527.2, with fund managers proving reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of Friday's inflation figures.

Government securities scored gains of £⅛ at the longer end, nervously awaiting the start of trading in the new tap stock.

Glaxo shares beat a hasty retreat, falling 36p to £10.78, with dealers worried about the repercussions of its legal battle with the Canadian-based Genpharm Pharmaceuticals. Genpharm is aiming to produce its own version of Glaxo's best-selling anti-ulcer drug, Zantac, which would threaten Glaxo's existing patent which runs in America until 2002. Analysts believe that Zantac accounts for more than half Glaxo's profits and loss of the US patent could seriously affect earnings.

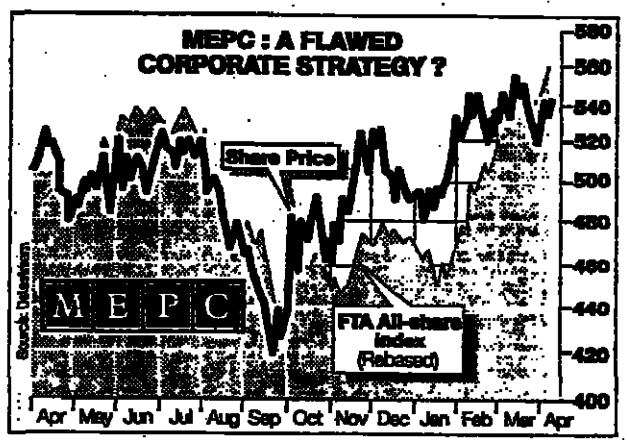
Andrew Porter, pharmaceutical analyst at Nikko Securities, says Glaxo shares have enjoyed a good run recently and that the court case legal battle with Genpharm could overshadow the shares for months. James Capel and Société Générale Strauss Turnbull are also taking a bearish view of prospects.

Talk that **BTR**, 1p firmer at 416p, was ready to pounce again lifted **Pilkington** 4p to 196p. Bid hopes also revived **Hawker Siddeley** 16p to 580p.

Shares in MEPC, Britain's second biggest property company, advanced 3p to 539p, despite a critical circular from Christopher Walls, property analyst at Salomon Brothers International.

Mr Walls believes MEPC's corporate strategy is seriously flawed. By putting some 43 per cent of its development programme into City offices, the company is expected to increase the proportion of City office space in its portfolio from 16 per cent in 1988 to 26 per cent by 1992, at a time when both rents and capital values within the Square Mile are under pressure. As a result, in the year to end-September this year, Mr Walls believes MEPC's net assets per share will fall from 790p to 720p and again in 1992 to 680p.

Shares of Ultramar rose 8p to 342p on whispers that Kleinwort Benson is to publish a buy circular this week after upgrading the group's asset value. Kleinwort has looked at Ultramar's LNG interests in Indonesia and its Californian refining operations and feels there is scope for more optimism.



Salomon expects the current development programme will be completed at a loss. In the City, where MEPC's programme is dominated by the 400,000 sq ft Alban Gate development, Mr Walls estimates the shortfall at £35 million. In the West End, where the group has 100,000 sq ft under development, he believes the shortfall will be £15 million, although that figure is based on the unlikely assumption that MEPC is successful in attracting an average rent of £55 a square foot. Although other brokers disagree, Mr Walls recommends selling MEPC shares.

John Mowlem, the construction group, jumped 12p to 355p despite announcing terms of a one-for-five rights issue at 265p to raise £45.6 million. The proceeds will be used to expand its hire equipment division, increase land purchases and develop further the London City airport. The next stage of development is expected to cost £7 million.

Meanwhile, the group has reported a recovery in pre-tax profits to £34 million (£22 million) — the top end of City expectations. The slump in profits in 1989 was due to provisions for the City airport.

Expamet International finished 2p better at 170p after asking its shareholders for an extra £21 million via a one-for-three rights issue at 135p a share. The funds will be used to repay bank borrowings.

A 30 per cent profits expansion boosted **Boosey & Hawkes** 28p to 653p, while **Shandwick**, the public relations consultant, rose 7p to 106p on news of an 12 per cent increase in pre-tax profits.

TSB Group shed another 1½p at 148p with dealers fearing a further round of downgradings following recent profits warnings. Yesterday the group gave a presentation for the Society of Investment Analysts. It seems little positive news emerged.

Continental buying lifted Tiphook, the container rental group, 18p to 466p. But the shares are still shy of the 560p they hit last summer before the Gulf war prompted worries about fuel costs. The group's financial year comes to an end this month and should see pre-tax profits climb to £75 million (£33 million).

Midland Bank improved 3p to 226p as Kleinwort Benson urged clients to switch into NatWest, 6p better at 343p. Kleinwort says the NatWest yield is more attractive. Gains were also seen in **Barclays**, 8p to 463p, and **Lloyds**, 4p to 366p.

Tootal firmed 1p to 76p as **Coats Viyella** decided to extend its offer of 75p a share after the second closing date expired with only minimal acceptances. John Craven, Tootal chairman, continued to describe the £194 million bid as inadequate. Coats Viyella was 1p cheaper at 153p.

Bid hopes bolstered **Boddington**, the pub and nursing homes group, with a rise of 11p to 168p. Speculators claim Boddington could soon find itself on the end of a bid from rival **Wolverhampton & Dudley** down 2p at 497p.

Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture group, eased 3p to 264p after acquiring further shares in Fairview and taking its total holding to 98.6 per cent.

Associated British Foods continued to respond to a buy recommendation from Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, this week with a rise of 7p to a new peak of 522p and taking the two-day gain to 22p.

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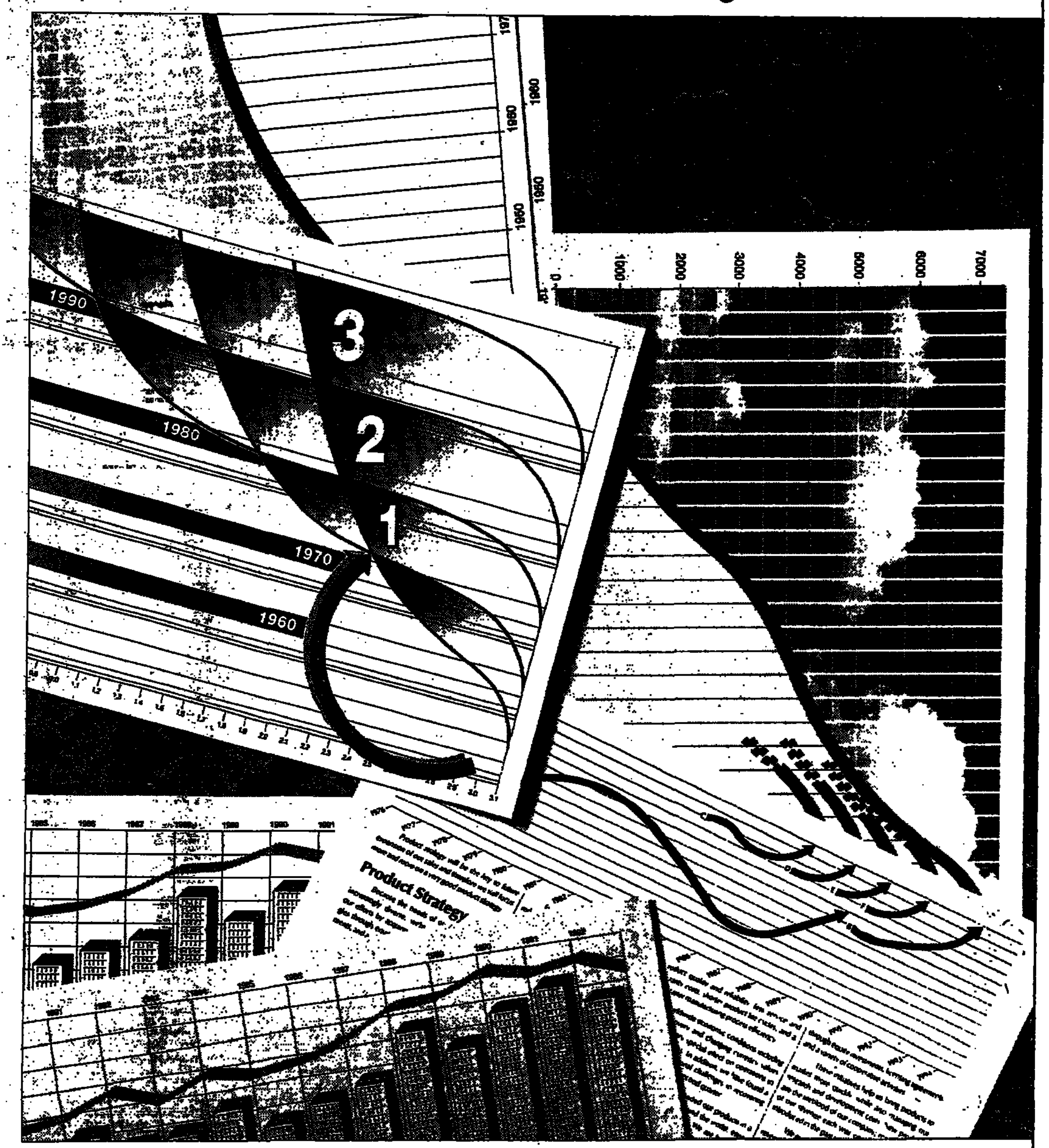

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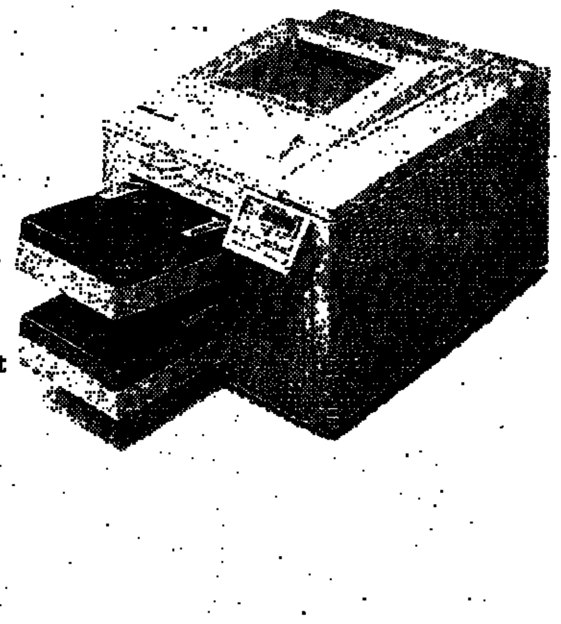

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Intl	61.82	65.67	-0.35	1.29
Div/Gth	51.58	54.85	-0.17	5.47
Global Gth Sec	51.19	54.45	-0.08	1.24
Ethical	50.18	53.68	-0.04	2.74
High Inc Equity	141.3	150.3●	-0.5	8.06
W'wide Bond	205.3	217.8	+0.2	6.89
Gilt/Fixed	113.5	120.4●	+0.4	9.86

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Gth	28.33	30.13●	-0.13	2.65
Euro	72.57	78.85	+0.06	0.00
Euro Inc	75.45	79.58●	-0.69	1.54
Exempt	758.3	788.5●	-1.4	2.88
Extra Inc	40.72	43.95●	+0.07	5.89
F/E Emerg Eo	51.31	55.16	-0.57	1.16

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Inc	365.1	392.0●	+0.3	5.04
Equity Inc	202.0	216.1	+0.6	5.15
High Yield	214.8	228.5c	+1.0	5.04
Balanced	547.0	582.5	+0.5	3.25
Am Inc	32.57	34.47	-0.11	4.21
World Ass Val	31.84	33.88	-0.17	1.51
Japan	137.8	145.6	-1.9	0.01
Sec of Am	294.2	313.3	-0.1	0.27

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capit	90.45	97.24	+0.13	3.72
Euro Gth Inc	92.68	98.75	-0.09	1.83
Extra Inc	98.36	105.2●	..	8.09
General	202.0	215.0●	-0.1	3.82
Gilt/Fxd Income	50.94	52.80●	+0.16	10.17
Inc Trust	449.7	479.9	+0.3	5.63

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	63.55	67.25	-0.15	0.50
Am Sml Cos	68.47	72.86c	-0.74	0.30
Australia	53.34	57.18	-0.44	1.80
Convertible	44.90	49.89●	-0.08	6.40
Eastern	128.3	136.8●	-2.3	1.20
Equity Inc	80.73	85.88	+0.43	6.30
Euro Gth	179.7	190.2	+0.2	2.70
Euro Smlr Cos	153.0	162.9	+0.5	1.20
Exempt	68.62	70.72	..	4.10
German Gth	45.42	48.28	..	0.80
Global Gth	52.99	55.32	-0.35	0.10
Jap Gth	168.3	178.2	-8.9	0.00
Jap Sunrise	145.8	155.3●	-2.9	0.00
Portfolio	94.85	96.91	+0.01	3.70
Do Acc	159.5	168.2	..	3.70
UK Growth	57.70	61.38	+0.45	3.90
UK Smlr Cos	71.55	78.62c	+0.09	3.40
Select Man	53.33	56.73●	-0.24	2.40

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Glenfriars	222.9	237.2●	-0.4	2.07
Do Acc	241.8	257.1●	-0.4	2.07
Growth	289.3	308.9●	+1.8	3.38
Do Acc	472.4	502.8●	+2.5	3.38
Inc &Gth Inc	333.0	354.3	-1.8	5.11
Do Acc	404.4	430.3	-1.9	5.11
Master Portf	83.19	87.57c	..	3.02
Do Acc	91.84	96.68c	..	3.02
Spec Sits	64.2	68.3	+0.3	3.84
Do Acc	71.45	76.02	+0.36	3.84
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.58	11.02	+0.03	5.50
Do Acc	£11.28	11.83	+0.04	5.50

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Index	139.3	148.6	+0.2	2.28
Capit	468.3	497.8●	+1.0	3.59
Euro Index	108.1	115.3	-0.3	1.86
Euro Growth	71.09	75.55	-0.06	2.51
Far East S S	67.15	71.55	+0.87	0.81
Gold Gen S S	56.54	60.34	+0.07	5.14
Income	448.0	478.1●	+0.9	5.30
Intl Gth	61.48	65.61	-0.28	2.14
Jap Index	65.15	69.53	-0.92	0.15
N Amer	285.8	304.9●	-0.1	1.78
Tiger Index	89.00	95.08	-1.30	1.89
UK Index	108.3	115.5	+0.2	4.08

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Amer Portf	54.95	58.78	+0.52	2.49
Euro Port	62.34	66.62●	-0.20	1.80
Jap Portf	46.40	49.48	-0.05	2.28
Pacific Portf	57.75	62.10	+0.09	2.60
Portf	58.46	62.83	-0.04	2.98
UK Inc/Gth	55.74	59.76●	-0.10	7.11

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv	517.0	528.2	..	5.43
Fixed Int	137.8	137.7●	..	10.53
Deposit	100.0		..	12.60

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Income	488.0	498.7●	..	5.80
Acc	£17.25	17.40	..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	12.80
Fixed Int Inc	110.6	110.6●	..	10.46
Do Acc	118.0	118.2●	..	..

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth	61.03	66.66	+0.01	1.54
1992 Euro Spe	60.72	64.83	+0.17	1.54
Intl Inc	65.21	69.73	-0.30	3.45
NAm Gth	48.40	51.78	-0.09	1.49
Pacific Gth	76.54	81.85	-0.59	1.82
UK Gth Acc	85.83	91.79●	-0.25	2.58
Do Dist	76.35	81.65●	-0.23	2.88
UK Income	64.55	69.14●	-0.09	6.50

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Orient Op Acc	59.12	62.89	-0.79	1.35
Japanese	55.12	58.84	-0.81	0.00
UK Balan Inc	96.07	102.2	-0.10	3.41
Do Acc	108.9	115.7	..	3.41
UK Gth Accum	154.4	164.3	-0.3	2.18
UK Hi Inc	115.9	123.3	-0.5	5.64
UK Hi Inc Acc	119.9	127.5	-0.5	5.54
N Amer Acc	75.83	80.48	-0.12	1.14
Euro Acc	102.8	109.4	-0.3	0.26
UK Gilt/FI Inc	55.13	58.60	+0.15	8.17
Do Acc	76.40	81.07	+0.21	8.17
Intl Sp S Acc	40.16	42.68	-0.30	0.67
Emmnt Opp	53.85	57.29●	-0.05	1.40

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Egtble Pelican	105.5	112.2●	+0.25	4.77
High Inc	112.9	118.6	+0.30	6.02
Gilt/Fxd Interest	48.25	51.84	-0.02	9.45
T Of Inv Ts	111.0	116.9	-0.01	3.15
Spec Sits	99.78	106.0	+0.22	4.14
N Am	71.09	74.89	-0.28	1.34
Far East	176.7	185.0	-1.94	1.23
Intl Gth	75.24	79.20●	-0.24	2.65
Euro	56.33	59.28	+0.18	1.92
Smlr Cos	56.14	59.09	-0.04	5.05

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UK Gth Accum	258.5	275.1●	+0.3	3.81
Do Inc	194.5	207.0●	-2.7	3.81
Higher Inc Acc	460.4	489.9●	+0.5	5.27
Do Inc	305.0	324.5●	-4.5	5.27
Gilts/Fxd Acc	134.0	141.1●	+0.3	9.10
Do Inc	80.21	84.44●	+0.22	9.10
N America	157.4	167.5●	-0.9	0.00
Far East	224.1	238.5●	-5.8	0.75
Europe	208.3	221.8●	+0.1	0.84
Genrl	353.9	376.5●	+0.2	3.60
Genrl Acc	365.3	388.7●	+0.2	3.60
Br Excellence	54.19	57.65	-0.03	3.39
Br Fonds Inc	58.29	62.01●	+0.14	6.46
Do Acc	68.44	72.81●	+0.18	6.46
Global Ops	55.84	58.41	-0.36	0.32

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Gilt/Inc	131.7	141.3	+0.3	4.65
Inc Plus	112.8	121.1	+0.3	8.50
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Do Acc	91.20	97.03●	-0.32	0.59
European	58.25	61.88	+0.85	1.52
Do Acc	59.59	63.30	+0.86	1.52
F East/Gen	50.72	53.96	-1.06	0.00
Do Acc	50.72	53.96	-1.06	0.00

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity/Gen	63.44	67.49	+0.33	3.98
Gilt/Fxd Interest	68.75	72.75●	+0.06	8.77
Higher Inc	151.9	161.8	+0.3	6.17
Income	89.35	95.67	-1.01	5.84
Intl	74.74	80.37●	+0.13	2.82
Smlr Cos	54.20	57.97●	-0.10	3.51

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Acc	605.6	647.7	+1.5	3.29
NAm Acc	73.95	79.09	-0.28	1.82
Far East Acc	81.71	88.09	-2.36	0.73
W'wide Bond	44.85	47.71●	-0.27	8.40
European	65.74	70.31	..	1.21
Equity Inc	72.14	77.16	-0.85	5.06
W'wide Tech	41.39	44.27	-0.85	2.07
W'wide Fincl	34.85	37.27	-0.37	4.16

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0795 388046
Stockmkt Fnd 51.86 54.95

** Yield expressed as CAR (Annual Return) ● Ex divider dividend. k Cum stock split. split. m Cum all (any two c above). a Ex all (any two c above). Dealing or valuation Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wed Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
28	21	ASH Barrett	20	25	–	–	–	–
83	38	ASD	70	74	–	–	–	5.1
21	15	ATA Selection	15	20	–	3.3b	18.3	4.3
18	12	Aberdeen Pet	13	14½	–	–	–	28.0
30	24	Aberdeen Stk Hse	25	30	–	–	–	52.8
195	188	Acal	193	195	–	6.6	3.4	18.8
18	12	Acorn Comp	13	15	–	–	–	3.7
138	130	Airsprung	130	138	–	7.8	5.6	10.3
142	102	Alan Paul	139	142	+1	4.1	2.9	14.1
41	36	Albrighton	37	42	–	–	–	2.2
132	88	Allen	130	132	–	6.4	4.9	8.6
141	109	Allied Ins	137	144●	–	6.0	4.3	10.8
113	73	Ald Leisure	107	111●	–	5.7	5.2	7.8
25	23	Amberley Gp	22	25	–	2.0	8.3	7.0
189	120	Amer Bus Sys	167	170	–	3.5	2.1	8.1
18	13	Anglo Pac Res	12	14	–	–	–	–
13½	8	Apollo Watch Prods	10½	12	–	0.7	6.1	6.3
185	135	App Holographics	165	175	–	–	–	–
156	80	Ashtead	152	160	+3	5.1	3.3	5.5
165	85	Aspen Comms	150	155	–	10.8b	7.1	7.3
338	305	Aspray	320	335	–	5.8	1.8	17.5
6	3½	Assoc Energy	3½	5	+1	–	–	–
55	45	Assoc Farmers	43	48	–	–	–	–
158	118	Assoc Nursing	115	118●	–	4.0	3.4	13.5
23	13	Atlantic Sec	10	15	–	–	–	23.8
773	650	Atlas Equipment	750	765●	–	26.0	3.4	18.8
5	3½	Audit General	4	5	–	0.4	8.9	–
53	45	Automagic	43	47●	-1	1.9	4.2	12.1
25	14	BBB Design	23	28	–	2.6e	11.2	4.8
9	4½	BCE	4½	5½	+½	–	–	–
33	21	BLP Group	30	35	–	0.4	1.7	7.4
50	37	BWD	48	50	–	2.3	4.7	18.9
45	43	Beaverco	40	46	–	–	–	–
48	38	Beckenham	38	43	–	4.0	9.6	5.2
65	30	Berford (William)	33	38	–	–	–	–
114	93	Bensons Crisps	112	116●	–	3.7	3.2	9.1
73	58	Berry,Birch & Noble	68	70	–	–	–	18.5
184	146	Better Cons Prods	182	188	–	8.7	4.7	22.6
77	15	Bio Isolates	25	27	–	–	–	46.1
90	65	Bletchley Motors	75	85	–	10.5	13.1	5.4
53	26	Bluebird Toys	48	50	+1	–	–	–
38	23	Border TV	30	37	+1½	2.8	7.7	14.4
35	14½	Borland	32½	33½	+½	–	–	–
158	130	Brasmore Intl	154	158	–	6.5	5.4	7.7
20	11	Br Thornton	12	17	–	–	–	–
63	54	Brompton Hldgs	52	55	–	4.0	7.4	11.3
99	54	Business Tech	70	77	–	5.3	7.2	4.5
12½	5	CCC Gp	7	9	–	0.7	8.6	8.2
288	200	Gibbs Mew	195	305	-3	9.8	4.5	78.7
28	18	Global	22	25●	–	0.71	2.9	7.7
200	185	Great Southern	185	193	–	11.2	5.9	12.9
153	100	Greer (Ernest)	143	150●	-1	8.3	6.3	6.5
8	5	Greenwich Comms	6	8	–	–	–	–
11	7	Guildhouse	5	9	–	0.2	2.9	23.3
188	148	Hadleigh Inds	165	168	–	8.3	4.4	9.8
22	7	Halls Homes	6	8 r	–	–	–	–
31	25	Hampden Homecare	25	29	–	1.1	4.1	3.9
221	78	Handley Walker	85	90●	–	10.7	12.2	6.6
11	5	Harcourt	5	7	–	–	–	–
18	15	Harmony Leisure	15	18	–	–	–	–
7½	4	Hawthorn Leslie	5½	6½	–	–	–	3.9
255	222½	Headlam	200	250●	–	4.1	1.8	27.8
195	175	do 'A' LV	150	200●	–	4.1	2.3	21.8
33	16	Heritage	30	35	–	–	–	–
88	73	Hewetson	82	87	–	6.0	7.1	5.2
25	20	Hey & Croft	22	25	–	–	–	–
13	8½	Hobson	10	11	–	–	–	–
125	75	Holders Tech	75	85●	–	8.0	10.0	9.4
50	20	Honeysuckle Gp	27	32	–	–	–	–
250	228	Hornby	240	243●	–	12.0	5.0	8.0
10½	4	Hughes Food	10	11	+2½	–	–	4.1
173	108	Huntleigh Tech	168	178	–	3.3	1.9	24.3
113	85	INSTEM	105	113	–	3.8	3.5	7.8
28	18	Ibex Hldgs	18	20	–	2.7	15.0	1.7
10	5½	Inoco	8½	9½	–	–	–	–
72	43	Intercare Gp	67	72 r	–	1.7	2.4	–
178	83	Interlink Express	175	180●	–	11.2	6.3	7.4
17	8	Intl Comms & Data	14	15½	–	–	–	–
4½	3	Intl Media	3½	4½	–	–	–	–
48	30	Intl Resort	43	47	–	–	–	–
3	2	JMD Group	1½	2½	–	–	–	–
8	5	Kemp (PE)	4	6	–	–	–	–
25	9	Kenmare Res	20½	22½	–	–	–	–
245	183	Kewill Systems	240	247	–	6.0	2.5	9.0
63	41	LPA Ind	58	63	–	4.7	7.7	10.5
285	183	Lambert	255	260●	–	15.0	5.8	8.3
31	21	Laser-Scan	28	32	-1	–	–	–
45	42	LBMS Plc	40	50	–	1.5	3.3	21.3
38	36	LBW	33	38	–	1.3	3.6	46.8
81	73	Lincat	72	77●	–	0.8	9.1	5.4
6½	3	Lincoln Hse	5	6	–	–	–	1.4
155	118	Lon & Clydeside	148	155	–	9.3	6.1	6.7
122	88	Lon Forfaiting	105	110●	-1	9.7	9.0	18.0
94	78	MMT Comp	85	95	–	4.0	4.3	8.9
181	118	MTL Instruments	182	187●	+1	3.7	2.0	13.5
46	35	Magnetic Materials	42	45	–	4.0	9.1	7.5
45	38	Stainless Metal	38	42●	–	1.3	3.3	–
128	85	Stanhope Props	85	87	-4½	0.1	0.1	17.4
77	31	Sterling Pub	30	33 r	–	3.3	10.3	2.6
61	27	Sterling Tst	48	53	–	5.3	10.4	8.4
21	12	Sunleigh Elect	15	18	–	–	–	–
45	35	Sutherland	43	45	–	2.1	4.8	–
119	105	Synapse Comp	103	112	–	4.5	4.2	–
8	8	TDS Circuits	6	10	–	–	–	–
41	21	TLS Range	38	41●	–	2.4	6.0	8.9
220	198	TMD Advert	217	222	–	8.4	3.8	10.8
217	172	TV-am	200	202	-9	16.9	8.0	8.7
20	11	Telecomputing			–	–	–	–
78	70	Tinsley (Eliza)	73	79	–	6.9	9.1	6.9
55	40	Tiso	50	60	–	4.0	7.3	10.2
41	28	Torex Hire	35	40●	-1	2.1	5.5	72.1
13	10	Total Systems	11	14	–	–	–	–
4½	1½	Tramwood	2	2½	–	–	–	–
133	78	Transworld	120	127	–	–	–	5.3
85	58	Treatt	82	87●	+2	4.3	5.1	11.8
95	62	Trencherwood	63	70	+2	–	–	3.8
21	10	Trillon	16	19	+1	0.7	3.9	–
5	1½	Tubular Edgar	1½	2 r	–	–	–	5.5
28	22	Tudor	25	30	–	3.6	12.9	4.7
335	245	Utd Friendly	330	340	–	13.7	4.1	–
145	105	Unit Group	102	110	–	–	–	12.8
66	51	Usher (Frank)	50	53	–	6.9	11.5	4.7
9	3	Venture Fleet	6	7½	+½	–	–	–
83	66	VTR Plc	67	72	–	4.4	6.3	6.7
13	8½	Vistec	10½	12	–	–	–	12.4
14	8	Welpac	13	14	–	0.7	5.2	12.4
63	55	Wensum	60	63	–	4.1	6.8	10.5
18	12	Wentworth	16	18	–	–	–	5.6
44	30	Wescol	38	40	-3	2.0	5.3	21.3
6½	3	Westport	4½	5½	–	0.8	16.0	3.8
34	28	Whinney Mackay	27	32	–	1.3	4.3	10.8
95	50	Wood John D & Co	75	83	–	2.9	3.7	22.4
31	15	Wild of Leather	25	28	-1	–	–	–
187	121	Wyevale	175	182●	-3	4.5	2.5	20.8
88	54	Wyko	62	65	+2	5.0	7.8	7.0
7	5	Xtra-vision	5	9 r	–	–	–	–
139	123	Young Group	120	125●	–	6.9	5.6	13.7
4½	2½	Zurich Group	3	4	–	–	–	–

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 93.1 (day's range 92.9-93.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7890-1.7890	1.7880-1.7890	0.98-0.94pr	2.49-2.47pr
Montrl	2.0388-2.0654	2.0616-2.0654	0.51-0.48pr	0.86-0.80pr
Amstrdm	3.3594-3.3727	3.3641-3.3678	1-⅞pr	2⅞-2⅝pr
Brussels	61.20-61.87	61.29-61.51	20-15pr	43-34pr
Copnhgn	11.4087-11.4787	11.4396-11.4539	2⅝-2⅜pr	5⅞-5pr
Dublin	1.1166-1.1189	1.1170-1.1180	26-20pr	56-46pr
Frankft	2.9810-2.9934	2.9867-2.9901	⅞-⅝pr	2⅜-1⅞pr
Lisbon	259.72-261.87	260.24-261.28	36-16pr	1-47ds
Madrid	183.78-184.98	184.34-184.98	19-28ds	65-78ds
Milan	2209.97-2220.02	2214.89-2219.70	2pr-par	3-1pr
Oslo	11.5828-11.6484	11.6220-11.6484	2⅜-1⅞pr	4⅜-3⅝pr
Paris	10.0634-10.1244	10.1076-10.1222	2⅜-2⅛pr	6⅝-6⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.7532-10.8020	10.7781-10.8020	⅜pr-par	⅜-1⅛ds
Tokyo	241.58-243.34	241.58-241.87	⅞-⅝pr	2⅝-2⅛pr
Vienna	20.9494-21.0851	21.0027-21.0324	6⅜-5pr	15⅝-13⅝pr
Zurich	2.5321-2.5400	2.5336-2.5366	⅞-⅝pr	2⅜-2pr

Source: Extel — *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12½ Finance Hse 13
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 12¼ Low 10½ Week fixed: 12¼
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 11 27/32; 3 mth 11 7/16. Sell: 2 mth 11 19/32; 3 mth: 11 9/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11 29/32-11⅞	11 23/32-11 11/16	11 35/64-11½	10 15/16-10⅞	
Trade Bills (Dis):	12 17/32	12 11/32	12 11/64	11 9/16	
Interbank:	12 9/16-12 3/16	12⅛-12	12-11 15/16	11 11/16-9/16	11⅝-11½
(Overnight: open 12⅜, close 8.					
Local Authority Deps:	12 5/16	n/a	12	11⅞	11 9/16
Sterling CDs:	12⅛-12⅛	12⅛-12	12-11 15/16	11 9/16-7/16	11⅜-11¼
Dollar CDs:	6.08-6.03	6.08-6.03	6.10-6.05	6.20-6.15	6.63-6.58
Building Society CDs:	12 5/16-12 7/32	12 5/32-12 3/32	12⅛-12 1/16	11 23/32-11⅝	11 5/16-3/16

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5⅞	6 1/16-5⅞	6⅛-5 15/16	6 5/16-6⅛	6⅛-5⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅝	8 15/16-13/16	9 1/16-8 15/16	9⅛-9⅛	8⅝-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅛-8⅞	9⅛-9⅛	9 5/16-9 3/16	9 7/16-9 5/16	9½-8½
Swiss Franc:	8½-8⅜	8 7/16-8 5/16	8 7/16-8 5/16	8⅜-8⅜	8-7
Yen:	8⅛-8	8⅛-8⅛	8-7⅞	7 13/16-11/16	7⅞-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $361.00-361.50 Close: $363.75-364.25 High: $364.75-365.25
Low: $360.20-360.70 Krugerrand: $363.50-364.50 (£203.25-204.25)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-88.50 (£49.00-50.00) New $86.25-87.25 (£48.00-49.00)
Platinum: $404.50 (£227.05) Silver: $4.04 (£2.26) Palladium: $94.25 (£52.90)

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17273.0-17314.0
Australia dollar	2.2820-2.2854
Bahrain dinar	0.662-0.670
Brazil cruzeiro *	439.17-439.65
Cyprus pound	0.8125-0.8225
Finland markka	7.0175-7.0775
Greece drachma	322.65-325.85
Hong Kong dollar	13.8740-13.8837
India rupee	34.75-35.16
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.8828-4.8870
Mexico peso	5250-5350
New Zealand dollar	3.0092-3.0161
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.585-6.665
Singapore dollar	3.1378-3.1414
S Africa rand (fin)	5.9122-6.0152
S Africa rand (com)	4.8422-4.8504
U A E dirham	6.4475-6.5275

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RA

Ireland	1.58
Singapore	1.76
Malaysia	2.74
Australia	1.27
Canada	1.15
Sweden	6.05
Norway	6.52
Denmark	6.42
W Germany	1.67
Switzerland	1.42
Netherlands	1.88
France	5.66
Japan	135.
Italy	1244
Belgium (Com)	34
Hong Kong	7.79
Portugal	145.
Spain	103.
Austria	11

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 28, 1991 Ag Apr 28, 1991 to May 25, 1991 Scheme I: 13.52%. Schemes II & III: 13.71%. rate Mar 1, 1991 to Mar 28, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 12.472%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 25524	Jun 91	2580.0	2584.0	2547.0	2558.0
	Sep 91				2586.5
	Dec 91	2655.0	2665.0	2655.0	2644.0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 120686	Jun 91	88.95	88.95	88.85	88.88
	Sep 91	89.58	89.58	89.50	89.53
	Dec 91	89.72	89.72	89.66	89.69
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 33383	Jun 91	93.67	93.68	93.65	93.66
	Sep 91	93.39	93.39	93.36	93.36
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 69508	Jun 91	90.86	90.87	90.78	90.79
	Sep 91	91.04	91.04	90.95	90.97
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 5925	Jun 91	96-13	96-13	96-02	96-05
	Sep 91				95-14
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 31653	Jun 91	93-08	93-09	92-23	93-00
	Sep 91				92-08
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	95.84	95.85	95.72	95.75
	Sep 91				95.93
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 65334	Jun 91	86.14	86.24	85.82	85.92
	Sep 91	86.37	86.44	86.25	86.18
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2189	Jun 91	90.78	90.78	90.71	90.73
	Sep 91	90.91	90.91	90.86	90.86

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
13¾	9½	Alliance	12¼	12¾●	–	53.5	4.2	31.1
174	125	Amer Trust	172	174●	–	8.3	3.8	38.4
288	213	Ang & O'seas	282	285●	-2	8.2	2.9	42.8
87	67	Anglo Scot Inv Tst	78	81	–	4.5	6.6	16.6
106	90	BZW Conv	100	101●	-½	8.0	6.0	22.5
108	77	Bankers	104	107	+1	3.9	3.7	30.0
85½	65½	Br Assets	82½	83½	-1	6.2	6.3	24.7
53	42½	Br Empire Sec	48½	51	–	1.0	2.0	64.7
113	89½	Inv Cap	108		–	6.7	6.3	21.6
87	76	Ivory Sime Ord Inc	95	97●	–	9.1	9.5	27.4
142½	130½	Ivory Sime 0% Pf	140	142	–	–	–	–
161	128	Kleinwort Charter	153	155	–	6.4	4.2	25.2
165	124	Kleinwort O'seas	161	163●	–	4.2	2.7	45.1
124	90	Kleinwort Smaller	116	119●	–	6.1	5.2	22.1
415	335	Law Debenture	397	402●	–	21.3	5.3	22.7
301	233	Majedie	288	292	-4	11.3	3.9	31.0
215	164	Merchants	211	213●	+1	12.9	6.7	20.8

COMMODITIES

COCOA		LONDON FOX COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	650-649	May	587-585	May	204.0-03.6
Jul	678-677	Jul	603-602	Aug	206.0-05.4
Sep	700-699	Sep	619-618	Oct	203.8-03.2
Dec	728-727	Nov	634-633	Dec	200.4-98.6
Mar	758-756	Jan	648 SLR	Mar	199.4-98.4
May	778-776	Mar	664-656	May	201.4-99.4
Vol: 3703		Vol: 4809		Vol: 2428	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	137.95	May	117.25	Apr	120.0-18.0
Jun	139.95	Sep	107.75	Jun	117.5-16.5
Sep	111.25	Nov	111.75	Aug	119.5-18.5
Nov	114.40	Jan	114.90	Oct	123.5-22.5
Jan	117.85	Mar	117.75	Dec	127.5-26.5
Vol:	303	Vol:	52	Vol:	124

LONDON POTATO FUTURES — Volume: 174

	Open	Close
Apr (£/tonne)	132.5	128.0
May	152.5	143.0
Sep	80.0	80.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	88.51	205.49	109.96
(+/-)	-0.16	*+1.14	-0.42
Eng/Wales:	86.52	206.97	109.70
(+/-)	-0.15	+1.89	-0.34
(%)	+84.8	+3.5	+43.3
Scotland:	86.17	191.43	111.74
(+/-)	-0.31	-5.88	-0.29
(%)	-19.6	-31.8	+4.8

** Estimated dead carcase weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close
Apr	unq	112.3
May	unq	113.5
Jun	unq	114.0

Volume: 101

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London

Whilst waiting for clearer signs about the futur of supply, demand and prices, the mar stagnant.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.60
Brent 15 day (May)	18.65
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.45
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.05

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	229 (+1)	
Gasoil EEC	176 (-6)	
Non EEC 1H May	171 (-1)	
Non EEC 1H Jun	168 (-)	
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (n/c)	
Naphtha	188 (+2)	

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Apr	175.50 BID	Aug	16
May	168.50-68.25	Sep	169.
Jun	166.75 SLR	Oct	171
Jul	165.50 BID		

BRENT

Apr	18.60-18.70	Jun	18.
May	18.80-18.90		

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt

	High	Low	Clo
Apr 91	1533	1522	
May 91	1430	1420	
Jul 91	1165	1150	
Oct 91	1270	1265	

Vol: 380 lots Open interest: 93
Dry cargo index: 1611 +3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1356.0-1356.5	1361.0-1362.0	513100
Lead (£/tonne)	347.00-348.00	357.00-358.00	75275
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1250.0-1255.0	1204.0-1206.0	164975
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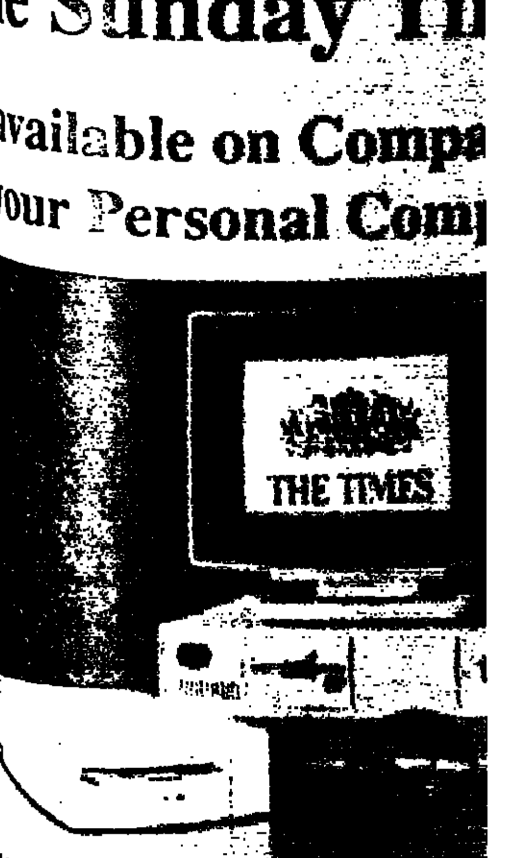

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		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyons	500	20	35	50	6½	23	30
(*505)	550	2½	14	29	40	34	60
	600	1	5	14	90	97	100
ASDA	120	15	20	22	1	3	6
(*132)	130	6	11	16	3	6	10
	140	2	7	10	8½	13	16
Bass	929	32	70	95	11	35	42
(*936)	977	9	42	65	40	57	65
	1026	2½	25	44	85	90	98
Boots	330	52	58	66	1	5	7½
(*379)	360	24	33	44	3	13	17
	390	5½	18	27	16	26	30
Br Airways	140	25	27	30	1	3½	7
(*161)	160	7	11	17	5	13	16
	180	1½	5	9	20	30	31
BP	300	38	44	48	2	4½	7½
(*332)	330	10	22	28	5	13	17
	360	2	9	16	28	31	35
Br Steel	130	15½	20	20	½	4½	6
(*144)	140	7	12	14	3	8	11
	160	1½	4	5½	17	22	24
C & W	460	60	73	85	1	9	15
(*514)	500	23	42	60	6	22	30
	550	3	18	36	38	48	55
CU	460	75	92	95	1	4	7
(*531)	500	38	58	66	3	12	17
	550	7	28	37	23	30	39
Courtauld	360	54	56	67	1	5	9
(*412)	390	25	36	46	3½	12	19
	420	6	19	30	16	30	34
GKN	330	47	60	63	1½	5	11
(*380)	360	21	40	45	3½	13	21
	390	5½	22	28	20	27	35
Grand Met	750	73	98	117	2½	16	22
(*813)	800	28	64	85	10	33	40
	850	8	36	60	40	58	65
ICI	1000	70	110	127	6	22	39
(*1054)	1050	30	79	97	17	40	59
	1100	9	50	72	50	67	84
Kingfisher	420	79	84	92	1½	6	11
(*494)	460	41	53	64	4	13	19
	500		31	44		29	35
Ladbroke	260	34	39	48	2	8	12
(*287)	280	15	26	36	6	16	22
	300	4	15	26	18	28	30
Land Sec	500	45	55	63	2½	7	11
(*540)	550	10	22	34	15	30	32
	600	1½	7½	14	64	70	72
M & S	220	44	47	54	1	2	4
(*261)	240	24	30	38	1	6	8
	260	7½	17	25	6	14	17
Sainsbury	330	58	60	69	1	3	4
(*385)	360	28	37	49	2½	8½	11
	390	7	19	30	12	28	23
Shell	420	74	85	92	1½	4	6
(*486)	460	33	51	59	4	9	15
	500	6	25	36	18	25	32
Smith Beech	700	100	120	138	1½	6	13
(*796)	750	55	81	102	3	17	25
	800	17	48	71	16	33	47
Storehse	110	11	14	19	2	6	8
(*118)	120	5	10	14	5	10	13
	130	2	6½	–	13	17	–
Trafalgar	240	22	29	39	4	16	21
(*253)	260	8	18	29	10	26	31
	280	2	11	21	26	40	43
Ultramar	300	45	55	60	2	4	7
(*342)	330	18	32	40	6	12	18
	360	4	16	24	24	30	33
Unilever	650	119	135	155	1¼	4	6
(*762)	700	69	94	115	3	8	13
	750	25	59	82	10	22	28
	800	5	32	47	39	49	52
Utd Bisc	330	57	69	78	1	2	4½
(*382)	360	28	44	54	1½	7	11
	390	6	24	34	11	18	23
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA	390	52	58	72	3	7	11
(*431)	420	28	37	49	10	20	23
	460	10	–	–	33	–	–
BAT Ind	600	137	142	145	3	6	10
(*715)	650	89	99	109	5	13	22
	700	50	70	78	14	30	40
	750	22	40	54	37	50	62
BTR	360	67	79	82	1½	4½	8
(*416)	390	40	54	60	5	10	14
	420	18	35	40	15	20	26
Br Aero	550	115	135	148	3	9	13
(*656)	600	72	95	110	8	17	23
	650	34	62	77	23	35	42
Br Telecm	330	51	58	64	1	5½	7½
(*373)	360	26	35	43	6	13	17
	390	8½	18	26	21	27	30
Cadbury	360	39	53	60	3½	9	12
(*388)	390	18	34	42	14	19	22
	420	6	18	26	33	35	39
Guinness	850	82	110	129	8	17	23
(*909)	900	46	77	93	22	34	43
	950	20	52	68	50	58	65
GEC	200	18	22	26	2½	8½	10½
(*210)	220	6	11	15½	11	19	20
	240	2	–	–	30	–	–
Hanson	220	20½	26	32	3	6½	9
(*232)	240	7	14	20	11	16	18
	260	2½	7	12½	27	29½	30½
LASMO	330	35	48	55	6	11	15
(*353)	360	16	30	39	18	28	26
	390	6	18	26	40	42	45
& O	550	67	75	84	6	15	22
512)	600	26	44	53	25	35	45
	650	7	24	32	60	67	75
ngton	160	41	43	45	2	4½	6
8)	180	22	26	32	3	8½	12
	200	10	15½	20	10	18	22
dential	220	27	35	38	3½	6	8½
40)	240	14	24	26	9	14	17
	260	5½	14	18	22	24	27

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Racal	220	21	–	–	5½	–	–
(*232)	240	10	–	–	16	–	–
	260	5	–	–	31	–	–
	280	1½	–	–	50	–	–
RTZ	460	109	123	128	2	3	5½
(*558)	500	72	89	98	4	9	13
	550	33	52	65	15	23	30
	600	10	27	40	45	50	55
Scot New	330	53	58	–	2	6	–
(*373)	360	28	37	43	6½	15	16
	390	12	21	28	21	31	34
	420	4½	10	17	48	53	57
Tesco	253	36	43	–	2½	4	–
(*287)	280	13	23	29	8	12	14
	300	5	14	19	20	23	25
Thames W	280	34	38	41	3	8	10
(*310)	300	20	24	28	6	16	19
	330	5	10	15	24	33	35
Lucas	140	24	31	34	2	4½	6
(*164)	160	11	17	22	7	11	14
	180	3	8	13	22	23	26
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons	420	77	86	98	1	3½	6½
(*494)	460	38	53	69	2½	11	15
	500	7	30	44	17	27	30
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat	240	48	51	56	1½	3½	4½
(*280)	260	29	35	42	4½	8½	9
	280	17	23	30	12	15	17
Amstrad	60	23	25	28	1	2½	3
(*80)	70	14	18	21	2	5½	5½
	80	7½	12	15½	6	8	10
Barclays	390	85	95	–	2	7	–
(*464)	420	60	70	75	6	14	18
	460	30	41	53	17	28	33
Blue Circ	240	31	36	41	6	12	13
(*264)	260	17	24	31	15	21	24
	280	8½	16	23	27	32	34
Br Gas	220	46	47	49	2	3½	5
(*256)	240	27	30	34	3½	8	10
	260	13	16	21	11	17	18
Dixons	160	44	46	49	1½	4	6
(*199)	180	27	31	36	5	10	13
	200	15	20	23	13	19	22
Glaxo	1050	73	–	129	30	–	55
(*1078)	1100	45	–	102	53	–	79
	1150	25	–	80	90	–	107
Hawker	500	83	95	100	9	20	25
(*581)	550	44	65	73	27	40	47
	600	20	43	53	60	65	75
Hillsdown	240	32	41	47	7	13	14
(*264)	260	18	30	36	15	21	24
	280	9	19	26	28	31	34
Lonrho	220	51	54	–	2	4½	–
(*263)	240	33	37	45	4½	9	11
	260	19	25	32	10	16	19
Midland	180	53	57	59	1	6	6
(*225)	200	38	41	46	4½	9½	12
	220	22	30	36	9	18	20
	240	11	–	–	21	–	–
Reuter	800	125	147	170	15	30	37
(*896)	850	90	115	140	30	43	53
	900	60	90	115	50	65	75
R-Royce	140	40	44	48	1	2½	3
(*174)	160	23	27	31	4½	7	9
	180	10	15	20	11	16	18
Sears	80	15½	16	17	2½	3½	5
(*94)	90	7	9½	12	6½	7½	9
	100	2½	5½	7	13	14	15
THF	260	22	28	33	10	14	16
(*270)	280	11	18	23	21	25	27
	300	5	11	–	36	39	–
Thorn EMI	650	108	107	108	4	14	16
(*732)	700	62	67	75	11	28	32
	750	35	39	50	32	52	55
	800	16	21	–	65	85	–
TSB	130	25	27	–	1½	3	–
(*148)	140	17	18½	22	3	5½	7
	160	6	9½	11	12	16	17
Vaal Reefs	50	12	13	15	3½	5½	7
(*557)	60	6	8	10½	8	11	12
Wellcome	460	92	104	117	5½	12	16
(*529)	500	60	75	89	15	24	28
	550	33	48	63	38	47	52
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastn Elec	140	43	46	46	1½	2½	4
(*181)	160	24	28	28	2	7	9
	180	9	13½	15	7	17	20
Sthn Elec	140	54	–	–	1½	–	–
(*190)	160	35	–	–	2	–	–
	180	16	–	–	4	–	–
Elec Pack	1800	245	–	–	20	–	–
(*£2005)	1850	205	–	–	40	–	–
	1900	145	–	–	55	–	–
	Series	Jun	Sep	–	Jun	Sep	–
Nat Power	110	23	24	–	1	3½	–
(*128)	120	14	16	–	3½	7	–
	130	8½	12	–	6	12	–

FT-SE INDEX (*£2529)

	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls						
Apr	205	158	116	76	41	20
May	221	178	138	103	73	48
Jun	241	200	161	128	97	70
Jul	255	215	178	145	115	90
Dec	–	300	–	240	–	185
Puts						
Apr	5½	9	16	29	48	79
May	15	20	30	44	67	97
Jun	22	30	41	57	77	105
Jul	28	39	52	67	92	120
Dec	–	75	–	104	–	140

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Lenders to Omni criticised by Swiss

From A CORRESPONDENT

THE Swiss Federal Banking Commission strongly criticised banks yesterday for irresponsible dealings with Omni Holding AG, the troubled Swiss investment company, and threatened to punish those involved.

Kurt Hauri, director of the commission, said: "There are many obscurities lurking in the Omni undergrowth," adding that those responsible might be forced to resign.

Omni, the flagship of Swiss financier Werner Rey's corporate empire, which owned almost 30 per cent of ILG, the collapsed British tour operator, had to seek protection from its creditors last month after it ran into a credit squeeze.

Rey: Omni is his flagship

Mr Hauri said some banks, which he declined to name, had extended large credits to Omni without making the necessary notification to the commission. Swiss banks are obliged to report unsecured credits that exceed their own capital by 20 per cent or more.

Mr Hauri said the banks were not well enough informed about the state of Omni's finances, "Werner K Rey was security enough for them." However, he said none of the banks had endangered their existence by doing business with Omni.

Omni was granted four months from the beginning of April to meet creditors' commitments and to restructure its finances. A judge has said Omni may manage to repay all its creditors.

Molynx buys security firm

MOLYNX Holdings, the closed circuit television, security and environmental control group, is acquiring Contemporary Systems Design for a maximum of £550,000 in cash, loan notes or shares, at Molynx's option. CSD, which is based in Grantham, Lincolnshire, specialises in security systems designed for use by government agencies.

Molynx is making a minimal initial payment of £1, with a further consideration of up to £550,000 dependent on CSD achieving specified profit targets in each of the three years to end-December 1993.

BUSINESS LETTERS

European works council aims need amending

From the director of group personnel, Morgan Crucible

Sir, An issue confronting many UK-based multinationals is the prospect of a European Works Council (EWC).

During the last 10 years, enormous strides have been taken in the UK to improve standards of participation, communication and consultation. More enlightened companies have progressively moved away from the concept of central, bureaucratic systems of control, seeking to enhance the role of their local units by adopting communication and consultation practices which meet local needs.

The continuation of this development will prove to be a key ingredient in the ongoing improvement of Britain's European and worldwide competitive position.

The current EC proposal, to establish European Works Councils will, if adopted as appears intended, send British industry at a stroke back 10 years and add nothing to its European interests. The creation of a central body is now alien to the basic business and people philosophies of enlightened companies.

However, there is still much to be said in favour of legislation which seeks to raise standards of communication and consultation and improve the working environment of people. British industry should be embracing the concept, and lobbying to ensure implementation is carried out in a way beneficial to both UK and European business.

The legislation should be:

1. Directed at all individual units with more than 50 employees.
2. Non-bureaucratic, specifically avoiding the creation of a central body.
3. Concerned with establishing minimum standards of communication and consultation with which all covered units must comply.
4. Structured in a way which enables penalties to be applied against the holding company of units which do not comply, and provides for some form of compliance audit.

This arrangement will place ownership of the whole process where it belongs — at local company/unit level.

It will enable local, regional and national cultures, philosophies and practices to be properly considered and accounted for. It will contribute to the overall well-being of employees and their own place of work. It will enable those companies with good practices to develop them further and ensure that those who do not are brought up to an acceptable standard. A central European Works Council will achieve none of these things.

A great opportunity will be missed if the present proposal is enacted in its existing form.

Yours faithfully,
A MCINTOSH,
The Morgan Crucible Company plc.,
Chariott House,
6/12 Victoria Street,
Windsor,
Berkshire.

Bank of England advised to seek indirect credit control

From W Grey

Sir, Differing from his present political masters, the Governor of the Bank of England is right, after the recent house price bubble, to contemplate renewed controls on mortgage lending (report, March 27).

He would be wise, however, to press for indirect credit controls instead.

A suitable instrument for that purpose, of course, already exists in the "special deposits" the Bank can require banks to place with it, thus restricting credit from the supply side, and so relieving (as well as reinforcing) the interest rate weapon.

All that is needed is for this instrument — used, under different labels, in all but one (Luxembourg) of the other ERM member states, as well as (among others) in the US, Canada and Japan — to be reinstated and its scope to be extended, quite properly, to building societies as well.

Surely, after so many go-stop cycles, it will be better in future to lock the stable door *before* the horse has bolted? How much better still in addition, especially after ERM entry, to take management of the nation's money out of the hands of vote-catching politicians and entrust it to an independent Bank statutorily charged with maintaining *general* price stability!

Yours faithfully
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Reverse charge call to banks

From Dr Henry Warson

Sir, The bank charges for foreign cheques have recently been increased, by some banks, from the previous minimum of £3 to £10. This is absolutely ruinous to those who export on a small scale; e.g. scientific and technical monographs and bulletins where most orders are under £100, and often under £50. There seems no reason for this exorbitant charge and it is hoped that some pressure will be put on banks who make these high charges, to reduce them again.

There is a general tendency for banks to make exorbitant charges, e.g. in the case, which unfortunately occurs nowadays, where a cheque is marked "please represent" because of a temporary shortage of funds, often due to large companies not paying their bills on time. The unfortunate issuer of a cheque is already debited £15, although very often a short telephone call could ensure the account is made up the same or next day.

Perhaps pressure could be put on banks to reduce these high bank charges. They may be suitable for large companies doing large deals but are certainly unfair to the small business man.

Yours faithfully,
H WARSON,
Solihull Chemical Services,
284 Warwick Road,
Solihull,
West Midlands.

From Mr Aymeric Straker

Sir, The depressing correspondence on bank charges suggests that banks are so short of funds that they are prepared to risk losing customers by employing sharp practices.

May I suggest that they risk all by creating a service charge for obtaining help from a cashier? Not only would this be unavoidable by customers but it could be varied without notice according to the type of service, the type of customer or by the time spent queueing for service. Moreover it could be extended to include cashpoint machines, perhaps on a percentage basis.

One hopes, of course, that the bank will break out of the increasingly punitive system and return to a policy of actually offering service to customers.

Yours faithfully,
AYMERIC STRAKER,
Huntswood,
Weydown Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

From Mrs Christine Bland

Sir, I have had a similar, though less serious, experience of paying bills twice to Professor McGuinness (Business Letters April 6).

In December 1990 I bought a fan heater at Argos in Reading and paid by Visa card. The transaction appeared on my December bank statement — and appeared again in February 1991. I wrote to the bank enclosing the Visa card receipt and in March the sum appeared again, this time as a credit. I have so far had no word of apology or explanation.

I should like to know who had use of the money or goods in the period before the error was discovered — or was it simply a paperwork error?

Yours faithfully,
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Rights of parents on child's death

Regina v Gwynedd County Council, Ex parte B

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith

[Reasons March 27]

Since the purpose of the Child Care Act 1980 was to promote the welfare of the living child, the *intention of the legislature* could not be presumed to deprive the natural parents of any rights other than those to achieve that specific purpose.

Therefore, on the death of a girl aged 13 who had immediately before her death been in the voluntary care of the local authority under section 2 of the 1980 Act and in respect of whom the local authority had assumed parental rights and duties under section 3, any parental right or duty to bury her reverted to the natural parents.

The Court of Appeal so held giving reasons for dismissing on March 8 the foster parents' appeal from Mr Justice Eastham who had held that on the death of the girl, the local authority's rights terminated and that their decision that the natural mother should bury her was not unreasonable.

Miss Kate Thirlwall for the foster parents; Mr Roger McCarthy for the local authority; Mr Ian Peddie for the mother.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the girl, who suffered from Down's syndrome and also a systolic heart murmur, had lived with the foster parents since she was three weeks old. The local authority had assumed parental rights and duties in respect of her, but his Lordship referred to the continuing links which the mother had retained with her.

On the girl's death the foster parents and the mother each wanted to undertake her burial. The local authority considered that their rights and duties ceased on her death and that the mother therefore had such rights and duties.

Under the general law a parent who had the means was bound to provide for the burial of his deceased child: see *R v Vann* ((1851) 2 Den 325) and *Clark v London General Omnibus Co Ltd* ([1906] 2 KB 648). Further, the fact that a local authority had passed a parental rights resolution under section 3 did not mean that the child ceased to be in its care under section 2.

Miss Thirlwall submitted that there was no express provision in the 1980 Act stating that the local authority's parental rights and duties ceased on the child's death; that since such rights and duties did not do so in the case of parents, neither did they under section 3; and that section 25, enabling the local authority to bury or cremate a dead child, was an unnecessary power where there had been such a resolution, section 25 being appropriate in the case of a child in care under a care order or warrant.

In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Peddie provided a conclusive answer to the section 25 argument by reference to section 10(2), which equated the powers and duties of a local authority with respect to a child in care under a care order with those which the local authority had under a parental rights resolution.

Both Mr McCarthy and Mr Peddie answered Miss Thirlwall's other submissions by asserting that the whole structure of the 1980 Act, except for section 25, was concerned with the living child.

A dead body was not aptly included within the definition of a child as a person which meant a living being. It was consonant with that construction that section 25 empowered an authority to bury the body of any deceased child who immediately before his death was in the care of the authority.

That implied that on its death the child ceased to be in the authority's care; that any parental right or duty to bury the child then reverted to the natural parents and that in case they could not be found or were unwilling to exercise their rights, the local authority in whose care the child had been, had the power to bury the child, which it would not otherwise have had.

In his Lordship's judgment that construction of the 1980 Act was right and wholly in accord with general principle.

By the Act, Parliament, in some cases where children were in care, had taken away the rights and duties of the natural parents and vested them in the local authority. The purpose of the Act was to promote the welfare of the living child.

In those circumstances Parliament could not be presumed to have intended to take away the rights of the natural parents any more than was necessary to achieve that specific purpose.

Miss Thirlwall's argument could not therefore be sustained.

Although his Lordship had dealt with the matter as it had been argued, namely on the construction of the 1980 Act, he would not wish it to be thought that the court was ignorant of or unsympathetic to the human and emotional feelings of the parties merely because they formed no part of the judgment.

Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith agreed

Solicitors: Bridge McFarland, Lincoln; Mr Hywel E. Hughes, Caernarfon; Clement Jones & Co, Menai Bridge.

Different judge normally hears appeal

Hiscox v Outhwaite (No 2)

Before Lord Donaldson of *Lymington, Master of* the Rolls, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Leggatt

[Judgment March 25]

In giving effect to the bias in favour of finality where an appeal to the High Court was sought from an arbitration award, the general practice was for a different judge to hear the substantive appeal from the judge who had granted leave to appeal, although it was ultimately a matter for the latter judge's discretion.

The Court of Appeal so stated on an appeal by Mr Richard Outhwaite and all other members of Lloyd's syndicate 661 who were contracting parties to a contract of reinsurance the subject matter of the dispute between themselves and Mr Robert Hiscox and members of Lloyd's syndicate 33, ordering, *inter alia*, that a different judge hear the appeal from an arbitration award from Mr Justice Hirst who granted leave to appeal.

Mr Bernard Rix, QC and Mr Christopher Butcher for Mr Outhwaite; Mr Anthony Colman, QC and Mr John Lockey for Mr Hiscox.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that a practice had grown up in the Commercial Court of one judge hearing applications for leave to appeal and another judge hearing the appeal itself.

His Lordship could well understand the practice since there was a strong bias against interfering with awards by giving leave to appeal and the judge granting leave would necessarily have formed and expressed his, albeit provisional, views on the merits.

The bias was in favour of finality rather than legality. The bias was less strong in cases of standard contracts where there was a need in the trade for an authoritative decision on their construction, the justification for that bias being much stronger in a "one-off" case.

Accordingly, in his Lordship's view, there was a stronger argument for a different judge hearing the substantive appeal in the case of a one-off contract than in that of a standard contract.

There had to be, however, exceptional cases where it was quite right for the same judge to hear the appeal, for example in a case of urgency, or where full argument had been deployed on the appeal application and the judge's view was totally and unanswerably clear. In such a case there would be a considerable waste of costs in having a further substantive hearing: see *The TFL Prosperity* ([1982] 1 Lloyd's Rep 617).

Ultimately it was a matter for the judge's discretion, but in the present case, where the judge had already expressed reasonably strong views on the meaning of a particular clause, and it was not a case of extreme urgency, it would be more satisfactory if a different judge heard the substantive appeal.

Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Leggatt agreed.

Solicitors: Elborne Mitchell; Fishburn Boxer.

Counsel can explain client's lies

Regina v Bateson

Where part of the evidence against an accused was that he had told lies, defence counsel, in his closing speech to the jury, was entitled to suggest explanations for such lies, even beyond his client's version of the case, provided that there was other evidence in the case to support such hypotheses.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Hollings and Mr Justice Alliott) so held on March 8 in dismissing an appeal by Michael Bateson against conviction in August 1989 at Knutsford Crown Court (Judge Daniel and a jury) for conspiracy to commit theft.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the trial judge had intervened during defence counsel's closing speech to the jury and had ruled that the only version of events that counsel was entitled to put forward was the defendant's.

In so ruling, the judge was in error and had been too restrictive. Defence counsel was entitled to make suggestions to a jury based on any evidence in the case. It was not his job to conjure explanations out of the air but he was entitled to suggest to the jury that there might be an innocent explanation for his client's lies, if evidence in the case formed the basis of such an explanation.

Owing to the strength of other evidence in the case, however, their Lordships were quite satisfied that no miscarriage of justice had occurred, and the appeal was dismissed.

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Good reason for releasing documer

Apple Corporation Ltd and Another v Apple Computer Inc and Others

Before Mr Justice Ferris

[Judgment March 22]

Where there were parallel proceedings in relation to the same dispute before the English High Court and the European Commission, the desirability of *ensuring* that the *European* Commission had the same material before it as the High Court constituted cogent and persuasive reasons for releasing the implied undertaking arising on discovery not to use documents disclosed for purposes other than those of the proceedings in which they were disclosed.

Further, for the purposes of determining whether to release that implied undertaking, it was not possible to posit, nor was it therefore necessary to take into account, a separate right of confidentiality subsisting alongside, but independently of, the implied undertaking.

On the other hand, it was impossible to deduce from the introduction in 1987 of Order 24, rule 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court a general change in the policy of the law so that the onus of showing why the implied undertaking should not be discharged lay with the party discovering documents in circumstances where those documents had been read or referred to *in camera*.

Mr Justice Ferris so held in the Chancery Division when ordering the release of the implied undertaking arising on the discovery by the defendants of certain documents in the *instant proceedings to the extent* necessary to allow the plaintiffs to deploy those documents in concurrent proceedings before the European Commission in relation to the same dispute.

Mr Gordon Pollock QC, Mr Mark Platts-Mills and Mr Daniel Alexander for the plaintiffs; Mr Christopher Carr, QC, Mr Geoffrey Hobbs and Mr Christopher Vajda for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that the first plaintiff and the first defendant had concluded an agreement on November 24, 1981 whereby they agreed to mutual "no challenge" and "field of use" restrictions in relation to the registration and use of certain trademarks.

The plaintiffs now sued to enforce that agreement, and one of the issues was whether the agreement infringed the provisions of article 85 of the Treaty of Rome. There were parallel proceedings between the parties in relation to the article 85 issue before the European Commission, and an oral hearing had been fixed before the Commission for April 16, 1991.

The plaintiffs sought liberty to disclose to the European Commission in those proceedings certain documents which had been read to or by the court, or referred to, in the present proceedings while *in camera*.

The principles of law applicable to the question whether to release the implied undertaking arising on discovery not to use documents disclosed for any purpose other than that of those proceedings were clearly established and recently re-affirmed in the House of Lords in *Crest Homes plc v Marks* ([1987] 1 AC 829).

There Lord Oliver had said (at p859) that the party seeking release had to demonstrate cogent and persuasive reasons why the implied undertaking should be released, and (at p860) that the undertaking would not be released "save in special circumstances and where the release or modification will not occasion injustice to the person giving discovery".

Mr Pollock had, however, argued that the introduction in 1987 of Order 24, rule 14A in 1987, following the majority ruling in *Harman v Home Office* ([1983] AC 280), had worked a fundamental change in the policy of the law.

That policy was enshrined in article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and entailed in particular that where, as in the present case, documents had been read or referred to *in camera*, the onus was on the party discovering them to show why the implied undertaking should not be released.

His Lordship could not accept that point. To do so would be tantamount to deleting the requirement of open court in Order 24, rule 14A. A similar argument had been likewise rejected by Mr Justice Hirst in *Bibby Bulk Carriers v Cansulex Ltd* ([1989] 1 QB 155, 161-162).

One of Mr Carr's submissions was that the defendants had a separate right to restrain the plaintiffs from using documents disclosed by the defendants otherwise than for the purposes of the present proceedings, based on confidentiality, and arising independently of, but alongside the implied undertaking.

If that were right, the defendants could seek and obtain an injunction to restrain the plaintiffs from using the documents in question, and in those circumstances it would clearly be wrong to release the implied undertaking.

Mr Carr had rested his submission on some remarks of Lord Keith of Kinkell in the *Harman* case (at p308).

The possibility of a wider private duty of confidence subsisting alongside the implied undertaking had been denied by the Vice-Chancellor in *Derby v Weldon* (*The Times* October 20, 1988) and his decision in that respect had been endorsed by Mr Justice Hobhouse in *Prudential Insurance Co Ltd v Fountain Page Ltd* (unreported, November 22, 1990).

Mr Carr had submitted that those two cases hi impliedly overruled. Court of Appeal in *Ma v Goldtech Investments* reported January 24, 1

His Lordship accept was not easy to reco whole of what the Appeal had said in th case with what the Vi cellor had said in *Weldon*. However, his found the Vice-Chance proach wholly logi satisfactory, and drew a *inter alia*, to the fact th *Mainwaring* case Sir topher Slade had refer obligation of confidenti embodied in the undertaking".

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The European Co and the court were co the same issue and app same criteria, and it w desirable that each should have the same for consideration. Th tive constituted "co persuasive reasons" w meaning of the *Cre* decision.

Solicitors: Frere Ch Clifford Chance.

Departure from procedure in Commercial Court practice

Anonima Petroli Italiana Spa and Another v Marlucidez Armadora SA (The Filiatra Legacy)

The conduct of complex actions in the Commercial Court where issues depended on the credibility of witnesses might require some departure from the directions laid down for such cases in Order 72 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* therein.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Mustill, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice McCowan) so stated in a reserved judgment on March 26.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL, in a judgment to which all members of the court had contributed, said that the success of the procedural revolution initiated in the Commercial Court in 1986 was self-evident.

It was not intended to propose any step backwards towards the excessively oral nature of the previous practices which wasted so much time and money or to turn the tide which was sweeping away so many outdated restrictions on the admissibility of evidence.

However, it was suggested that the uncritical application of the new procedure to every aspect of any case which happened to find itself in the commercial list might create a risk of misunderstanding, excessive haste and even injustice.

The more complex and technical the issues, the more important it was to give thought while the evidence was still in preparation to the most helpful way to present it to the judge. The more dependent the issues on truthfulness and credibility the less *likely* that written statements would suffi

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'Poverty' impossib

Hummingbird Entertainments Ltd v Birmingham City Council

The expression "poverty" in section 53 of the General Rate Act 1967 did not apply to a body corporate.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Turner) so held on March 22 in giving judgment against the appellant, Hummingbird Entertainments Ltd, o peal from Birmingham Court's decision to Birmingham City Coun demand.

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Simon Barnes

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One of the few fanzines directly to influence events in the boardroom is *Voice of the Valley*. The magazine was created by Charlton Athletic supporters dismayed by the team's departure from the Valley, its home ground, in favour of a sharing arrangement with Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. The pressure exerted by the fans and the *Voice* finally paid off. Last week Greenwich council gave the club the necessary planning permission and Charlton should be back at their old ground for the start of next season.

When Saturday Comes is not tied to any club, but, under the banner "The half decent football magazine", it sells 35,000 every month. A recent readership survey revealed that its average reader also reads either *The Guardian* or *The Independent*. But *When Saturday Comes* has not gone legit; not in any establishment-loving sense. This is a fanzine that has grown up and lost its pimples and started to shave, but it is left-of-centre, and mixes frivolity and satire with serious pieces. As the current issue says, "The prime motivation behind the creation of *WSC* was to express discontent at British football's appalling treatment of its fans."

Football fans are loyal, but not to anything the football club and its directors would recognise as "the club". Football fans do not necessarily admire the team, nor its manager, and they absolutely loathe the directors. Fans are loyal to something beyond anyone's control.

The fanzines express this: it is hardly suprising that most clubs hate fanzines. Directors, players, managers: no one is spared. The very existence of a fanzine stands for the deep, unbridgeable gulf that lies between most clubs and their supporters. A fanzine sells because it is not, repeat not, the voice of the club.

Brighton football club has two fanzines. At the beginning of the season, the club launched an offical monthly newspaper, *The Seagull News*. It ceased with the December issue, and has just been re-launched as a magazine with its April-May issue now on sale.

Peter Kennard, the editor of the rival *Gull's Eye*, says: "The fanzine was started so that fans could express an opinion without censorship. A football club is like Russia: they were the only people that ever passed out information, until we came along. They still expect everyone to toe the line."

Mr Kennard, aged 24, works as a funeral director. His employers, he says, have received a letter from the club about his activities with *Gull's Eye*. But recently things got more serious: the club sued the fanzine for libel.

The stuff was libellous all right, just as nearly every terrace chant is slanderous. The upshot of the case was that *Gull's Eye* ended up with £6,000 legal costs. So far they have raised £3,500. "I wrote [to the club] and suggested we sat round and discussed it," Mr Kennard says. "I received a very unfriendly six-page letter. Still — we sell nearly 2,000 copies every issue."

This is a classic example of the gulf between "the club" and its supporters. It is also an admission that fanzines are starting to be taken seriously and are now a part of footballing life. *The Spur* recently carried a long interview — a real one, not a spoof — with Gary Lineker, one of Tottenham's leading players. *The Gooner* mixes stuff that would not be out of place in an official Arsenal publication with its routine jokes about Tottenham.

This is the establishment route. Some fanzines have moved in an altogether different direction. "Some fanzines thrive on notoriety," says Andy Lyons, one of the editors of *When Saturday Comes*. "They specialise in abuse, excessive rival-baiting, racism and homophobia."

When Saturday Comes runs a listings service for fanzines, but excludes unacceptable ones. "There was always a danger that the broadly accepted principles underpinning fanzines could be abused by magazines that openly peddle prejudice," said an article in *When Saturday Comes*.

"The fanzine could argue that they are reflecting the views of their readers, but why bother producing a magazine if you spend all your time appealing to your readers' worst instincts?"

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…4, which persuaded …nt to ban rock or any … electronic amplification" before emerging as the front-runner in the race, has dropped out. Mr Astor admits that a national classical station "doesn't add up to a commercial proposition", an argument made convincingly by Rock FM last autumn. Other classical bidders have also shelved plans to bid.

"I wish they [Classic] had done their sums a year ago," says Tim Schoonmaker, the managing director of Emap Radio, part of the original Rock FM consortium revamped and renamed Real Radio to comply with "non-pop" format restrictions.

Now even Real Radio says it is likely to pull out. Further rules by the Radio Authority restricting the INR station from broadcasting music that has made it on to a singles chart since 1960 has ruled out many of the genres Real Radio had been planning to broadcast.

"Tracks such as *Strangers in the Night* by Frank Sinatra and Pavarotti's *Nessun Dorma* are now classified as pop," Mr Schoonmaker says. Any music with electronic amplification or a rhythmic beat recorded after 1960 is defined as "pop" and may constitute only 25 per cent of the musical output.

The new specifications effectively mean that only an easy listening station offering music from the Forties and Fifties could win. Only Lord Hanson's Melody Radio is seen to have the necessary financial resources.

The winner, the highest bidder, must also pay an annual £1 million licence fee, a £10,000 application fee, 4 per cent of its advertising revenue to the Treasury, 12 per cent-16 per cent of its revenue in copyright payments, at least £4 million a year in transmission costs and £4 million-£5 million in marketing. A national classical station, which at best could reach 10 per cent of the population, would struggle just to cover costs.

Mr Astor, whose Classic FM is backed by Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group, the Daily Telegraph, Carlton Communications and Dame Kiri te Kanawa, thinks the Radio Authority stipulations have created a "licence to lose money". He adds: "The government went to great lengths to ensure that the licence could be awarded to a commercial alternative to Radio 3, all for nought."

While Lord Hanson may have the financial muscle, many in the industry are not so sure easy listening would attract enough revenue to be profitable. "I doubt Lord Hanson will bid for a licence that is unlikely to break even, let alone make money," Mr Astor says.

The Radio Authority has extended the bid deadline to May 22. "If no one applies, I suppose we will have to rethink the licence," says Tracey Mullins, the authority's spokeswoman.

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Arts fears

MICHAEL Unger, the editor of the *Manchester Evening News*, is to be the chairman of the new North West Arts Board, which this October takes over from the Arts Council in allocating funds on Merseyside, in Manchester, Cheshire, Lancashire and the High Peak district of Derbyshire. The appointment of Mr Unger, has prompted fears of a possible conflict of interest. As the head of a regional quango, will he be compromising his newspaper's editorial position on arts stories?

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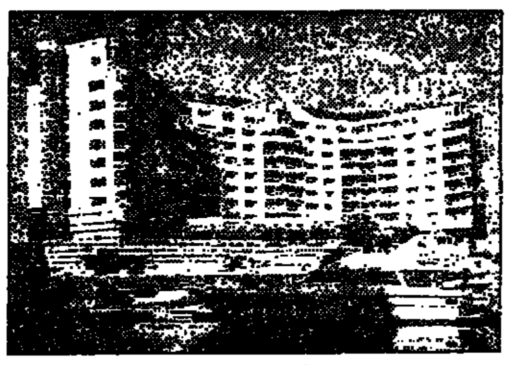

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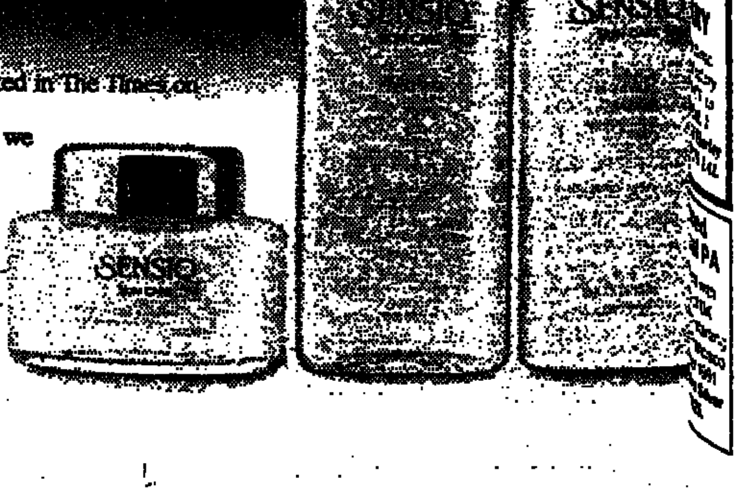

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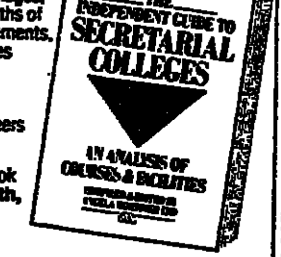

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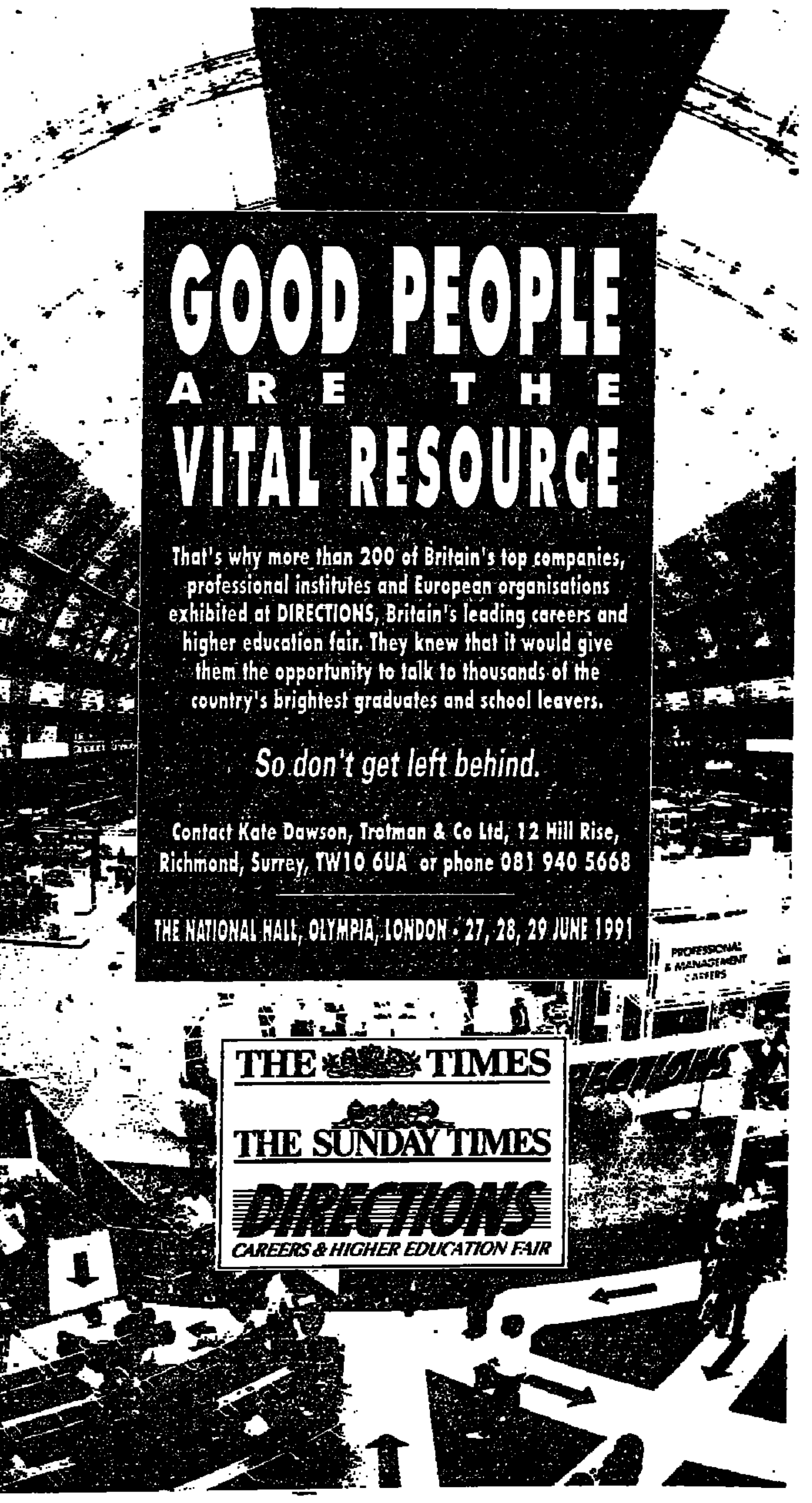

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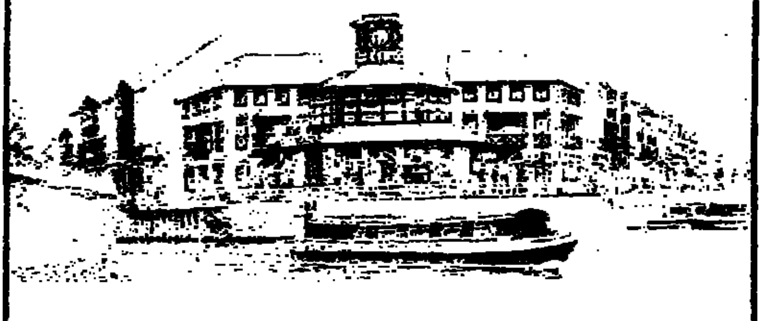

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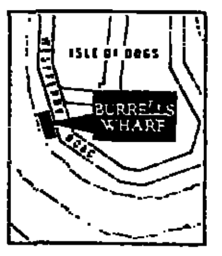

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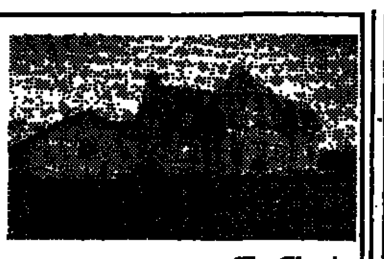

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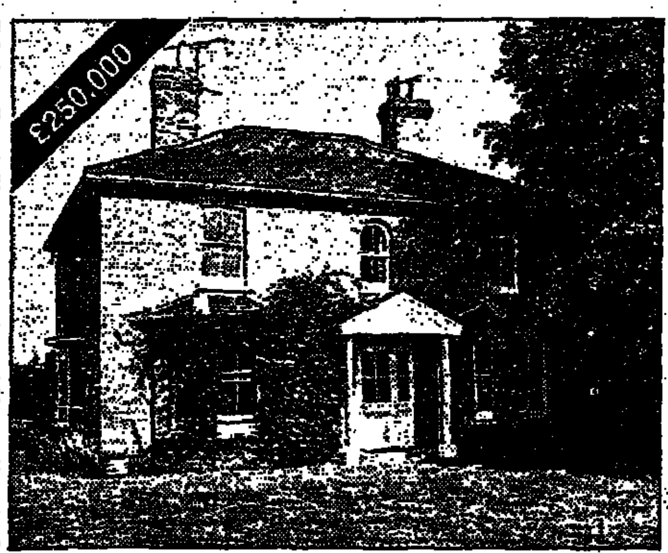

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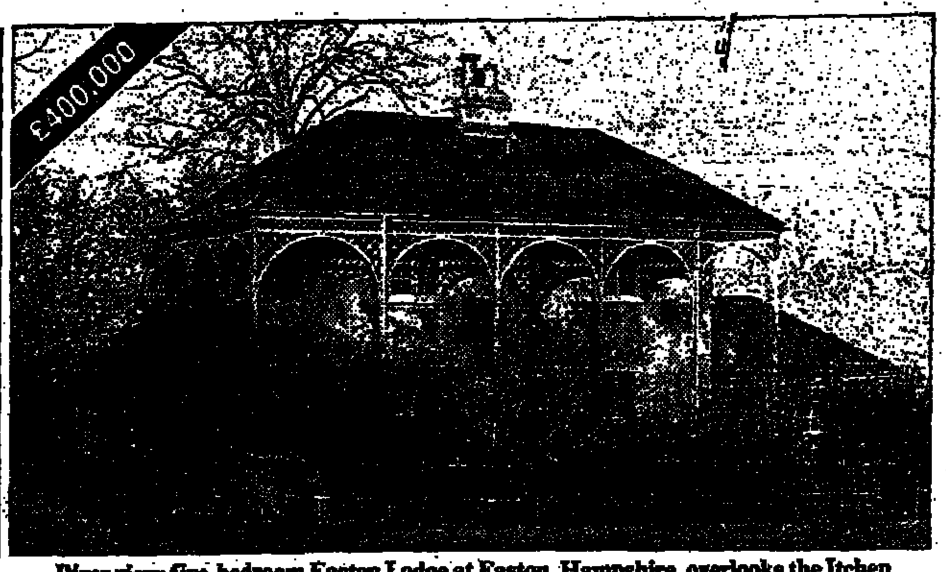

River view: five-bedroom Easton Lodge at Easton, Hampshire, overlooks the Itchen

Just the ticket for commuters

Train travellers are moving back nearer to London as the recession reduces Home Counties house prices. Christopher Warman reports

The tiresome lot of the commuter is not confined to the doughty traveller to London, who in winter spends only the hours of darkness at home during the week. The commuting phenomenon afflicts other cities equally, including New York. Fellow sufferers will identify with the American E.B. White, who wrote:

Commuter — one who spends his life
In riding to and from his wife;
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And then rides back to shave again.

The property boom of the late Eighties brought London commuting to a new level, and there seemed to be no limit to the distance the commuter would travel for the country lifestyle — the *To The Manor Born* syndrome, as Patrick Ramsay, the head of Knight Frank & Rutley's country house department, explains it.

One effect of the boom, coupled with the rush to the country, was to disrupt the traditional values of Home Counties properties, he says. Prices shot up, forcing people to look further afield.

Mr Ramsay says: "The small number of properties involved in some of the more distant areas means prices there have not yet been adjusted to the present market, but in the Home Counties, where there are plenty of comparable properties, the adjustment has come more quickly."

The result is that most people see that prices have fallen about 30 per cent in two years and are prepared to sell at a realistic price. "The Home Counties are now correctly priced, and I believe they will see a fair amount of activity this spring," Mr Ramsay predicts. "These are the areas of the traditional commuter belt, with good train services, and people *will be moving back to be nearer to* their job."

With rail fares rising, upmarket *mature homes in a pleasant setting* and within a reasonable distance of the capital — like those pictured above — are now becoming an economical possibility for some long-distance commuters paying for expensive season tickets.

The importance of the train service, when people decide whether or not to commute, is emphasised by Charles Ellingworth, of Property Vision, a specialist company that acts for *buyers in London and the country.*

To show the effect of different train services on property prices, he says the area around Winchester, Hampshire, remains one of the prime areas for commuters into the City. Good houses there nearly always fetch a higher price than those in and around Andover or Petersfield, even though the countryside is equally pretty.

"The simple reason is that the train service is much better," Mr Ellingworth says. "This is also what makes west Oxfordshire and Berkshire one of the most popular commuting areas for people working in the West End of London. It is 40 minutes into Paddington.

"If a commuter is going to sacrifice his lifestyle to that of his wife and family, he generally wants to make sure that the daily drudge is kept to a minimum," he says.

More distant areas to which London travellers moved still have their commuters, but the market is quiet. Neill McClintock, from Gribble Booth & Taylor, the West Country firm, reports that few people are moving from London and the Home Counties. When the boom was at its height, 30 to 40 per cent of buyers came from outside the area. The figure is now down to 20 per cent. Most sales are to local people.

Mr McClintock says there is little evidence of people moving back nearer London, as 100 *commuters continue to make the* 105-minute journey from Taunton and about 130 travel from Castle Cary, Somerset, 120 miles, but only 90 minutes, from London.

The properties being sold by Gribble Booth & Taylor's Castle Cary office include a converted chapel in the town, built in 1815, with a guide price of £89,500; a detached four-bedroom period house on the outskirts of the town at £149,000; and Rose Cottage, at Alhampton, near Castle Cary, a conversion with four bedrooms, at about £210,000.

Further west, Simon Cooper, from the Wellington office of Stags, says the opening of the Tiverton Parkway station in 1986 and the completion of the second stage of the north Devon link road in 1990 brought a marked increase in demand for property from commuters. Two properties for sale through *Stags* are only five miles from the M5 and Tiverton Parkway, from which the journey to *Paddington* is about two hours.

Goodleigh Farmhouse at Blackborough, Cullompton, Devon, is a renovated Victorian farmhouse with two reception rooms, five bedrooms and a games room. The house; [illegible] at £190,000; stands in about [illegible], with a further eight acres available for £20,000.

Hurford's Mead, [illegible] Hockworthy, Wellington, [illegible] from the 15th century, and [illegible] bedrooms and three reception rooms. The house stands in nearly five acres of gardens and paddock and is for sale at about £295,000.

Another desirable commuter area, 96 miles from London, is Brockenhurst, Hampshire. Recent changes have reduced the rail journey from 90 to 75 minutes. Jeremy Stanley-Smith, of Fox & Sons, at Lymington, says the improvement has increased the number of commuters. Buyers *specify properties within 15 minutes of the station.*

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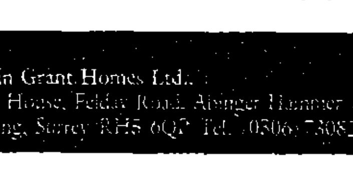

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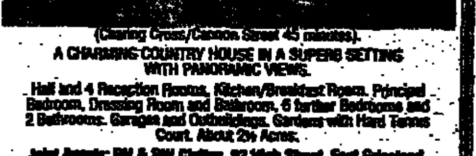

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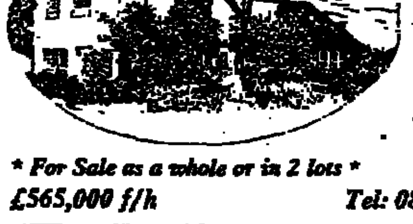

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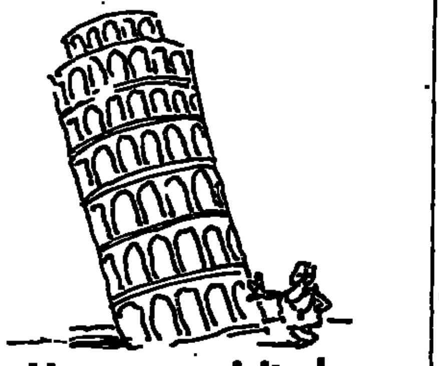

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London has an effect on the entire country's well-being. "Yet the state of London has become a national embarrassment, and the city is losing to its continental rivals the fight to be the business capital of Europe," Hillier Parker says in introducing its plan.

Although few lament the disappearance of the Greater London Council five years ago, the deterioration in the quality of life in the capital shows the failure of the regime that replaced it, the report says. "The failings of the present system could hardly be more comprehensive: no ability to take decisions, no co-ordination, no framework for investors, no voice to express London's needs and, most seriously of all, no vision for London's future."

Hillier Parker suggests that Clasp could make good this failure. Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, would have to be persuaded that such a scheme was desirable, although he appears to have rejected the idea of elected local authority mayors.

The commissioner would be a voice for London, "speaking on behalf of the capital to government and national audiences, and promoting London as the premier business centre of Europe". He or she would would help to restore civic pride, repeating the achievement of cities such as Glasgow.

Clasp would collect within a single body all the functions of strategic planning now dispersed through the London boroughs, the London planning advisory committee and the transport and environment departments.

A statutory plan for the central business district would be drawn up, incorporating characteristics both of a business plan and of a traditional land-use plan, to create a complete planning framework for the capital.

Mr Robinson says: "Our solution offers London what it most desperately requires, a unified voice to articulate its needs, and the means to realise our visions for our capital's future.

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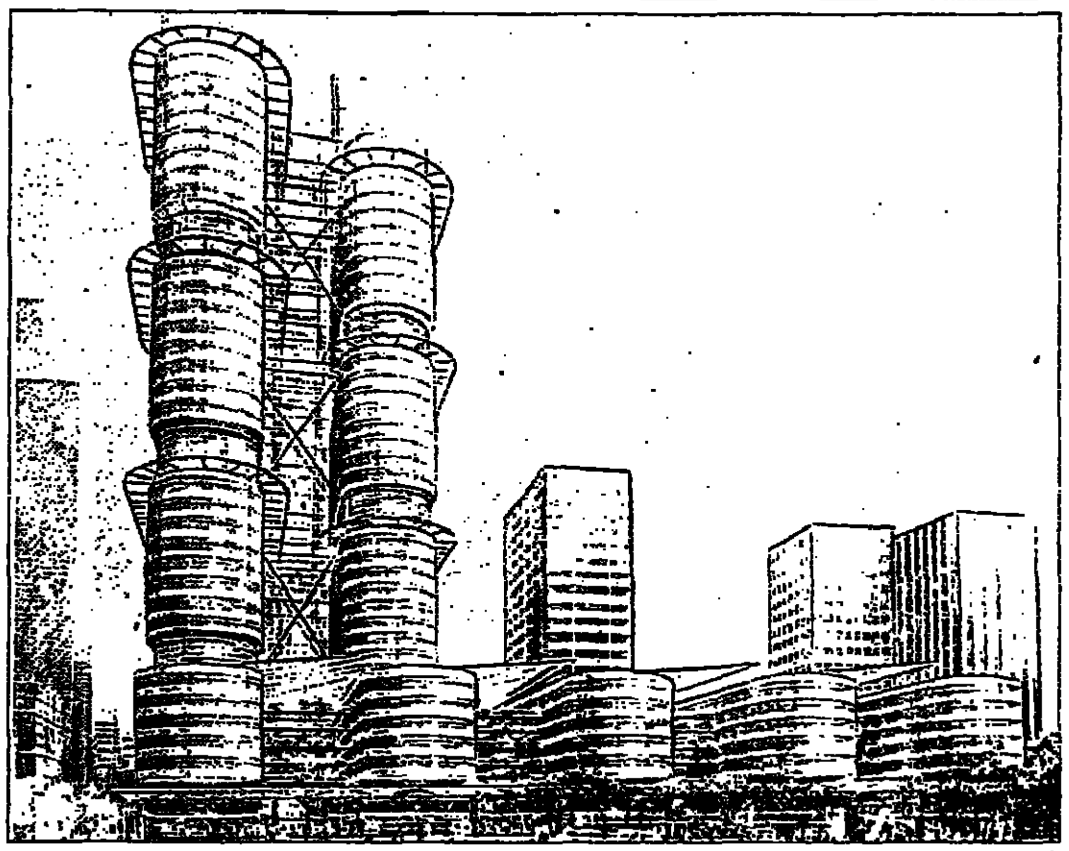

A CONSORTIUM of developers and French financial institutions has acquired the Esso headquarters site in Paris for £296 million, a deal claimed to be France's biggest property transaction. The Esso headquarters, in the La Défense business district, is to be demolished in a year, making way for 1.9 million sq ft of offices (see artist's impression above). The buildings, to be completed in 1995, will include twin 45-storey towers 140m high (460ft), less than half the height of the Eiffel Tower which is 321m (1052ft). The investment value is more than £1 billion.

The deal will involve the payment of £169 million to Esso and £127 million to the La Défense development corporation. The three developers are General Continental Investments (GCI), Kaufman & Broad and Interconstruction. The Paris office of Healey & Baker, which acted for GCI, believes the scheme will attract multinational companies. News of the scheme coincides with a report from Weatherall Green & Smith estimating that an average of 1.9 million sq ft of new and renovated offices will be provided in central Paris in every one of the next four years. The Esso site redevelopment represents one year's total supply, giving an indication of the scale of the project.

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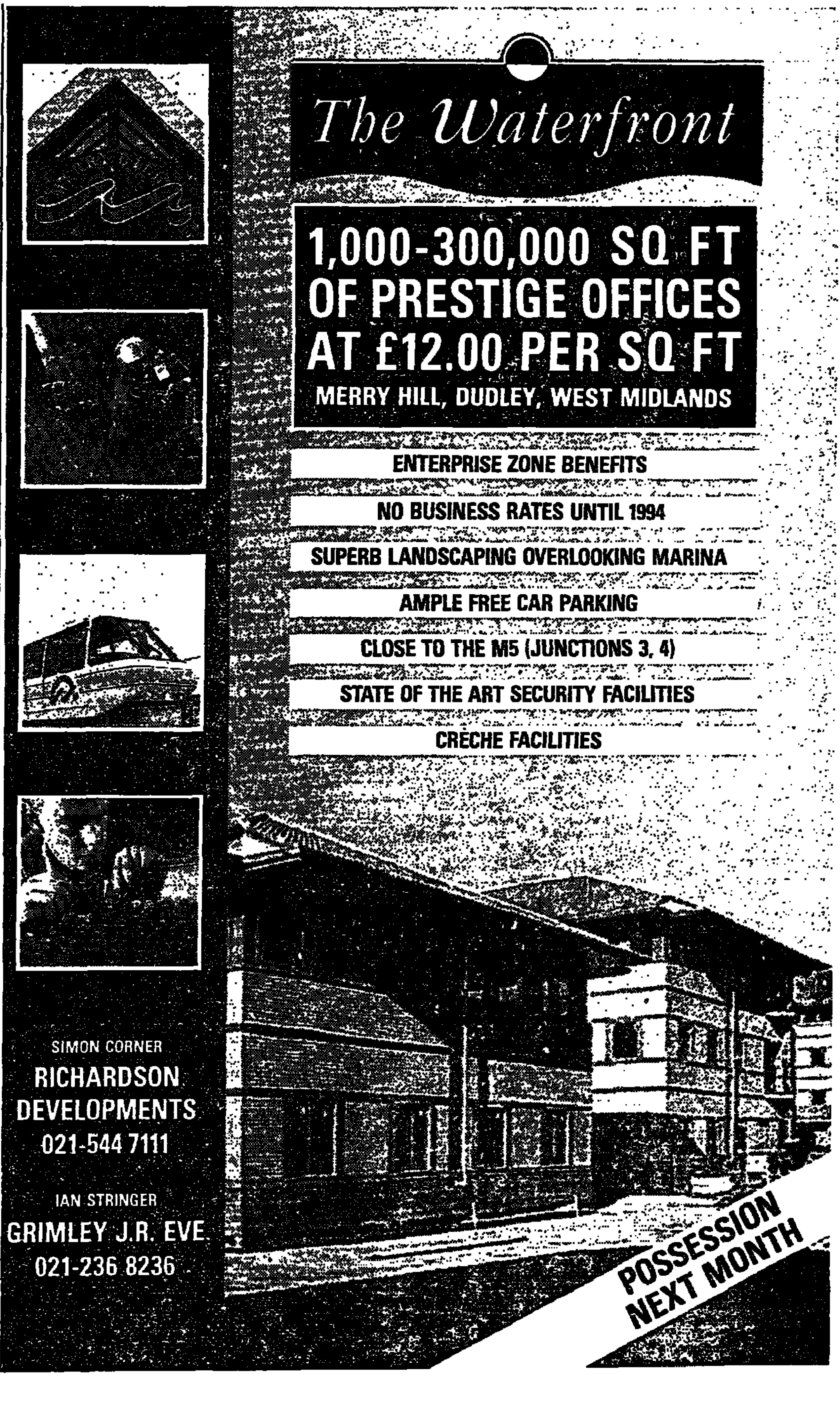

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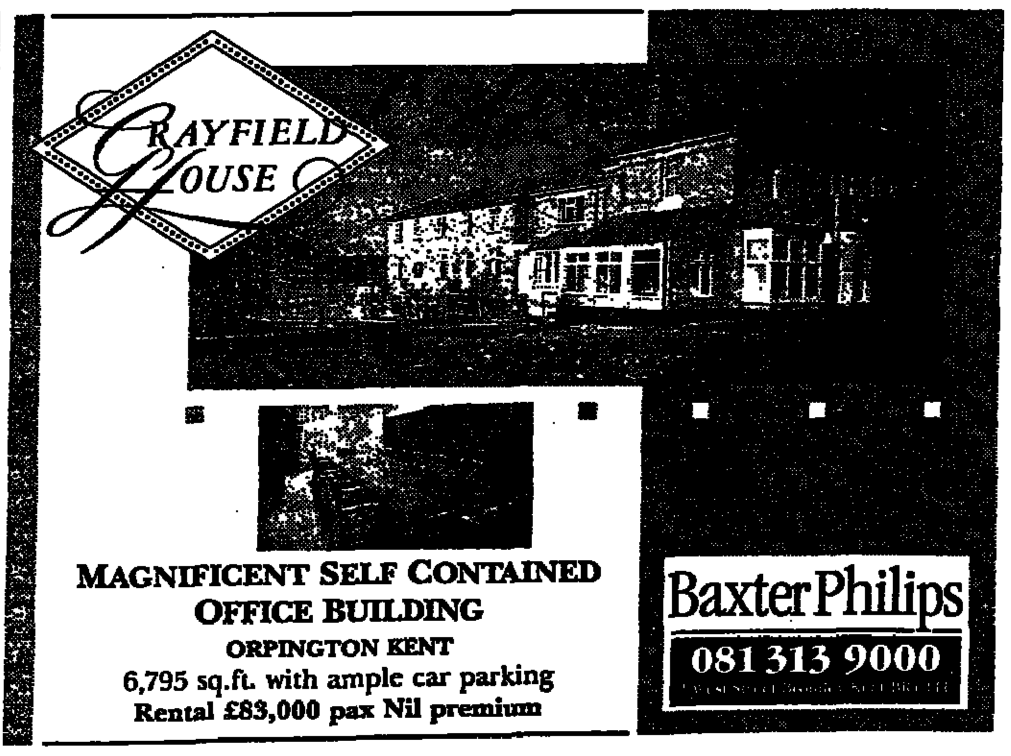

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Fear of burn-out for an athlete of the Ninetie

The coaching of Ted Banks is well known to African athletes, and Nourredine Morceli, the world indoor 1,500 metres champion, is the latest to benefit from his guidance. **David Miller** reports from California

Genetic inheritance is strangely selective. In the fourth heat of the 1,500 metres at the 1984 Olympic Games here in California, Abderrahmane Morceli, of Algeria, finished seventh. Few noticed. All eyes were on Cruz, of Brazil, the new 800 metres champion, Coe, Cram, Scott and Ovett. Seven years later, Abderrahmane's younger brother, Nourredine, is set to emerge as the world's latest great middle-distance runner.

In Seville four weeks ago, Morceli, the sixth of ten children from Sidi Akacha on the Mediterranean shore, won the world indoor 1,500 championship, brilliantly controlling the race from the front. Here, we sensed, was a new Bayi, another great talent out of Africa, spontaneously wanting to run from the front. The strength is formidable, and that strength has been fashioned partially here on the track of Riverside Community College, part of the vast sprawl of rich urban southern California.

It would not be an exaggeration to refer to Ted Banks as "coach America". The chief coach of Riverside College has earned more awards than can be counted, and his credentials stretch back to the days of Lee Evans and John Carlos and the Black Power controversy of 1968 in the Mexico Olympic Games. Africa has come to know his work, because Suleiman Nyambui, of Tanzania, the Moscow games 5,000 metres silver medal-winner, and Julius Kariuki, the Kenyan steeplechase winner in Seoul, have tempered their skills in the agreeable sunshine of Riverside's affluent hills.

It was Kariuki who recommended Morceli to Banks; and the relationship has been, almost literally, on the boil ever since Morceli arrived in the winter of 1988-89, after coming second to Wilfred Kirochi in the world junior championships. Banks, appreciating the presence of an exceptional talent, considered Morceli needed endurance work, and soon had him running his first experimental races at 5,000 metres. Within a year, Morceli improved from 13min 56sec to 13min 24sec, breaking the national collegiate record.

"He's young, immature and hot-headed, but with unlimited ability," Banks said. "We've had many arguments. Half a dozen times in two years he's come into my office and got mad with me, saying he won't do it my way, and I've said: 'Okay, I won't be your coach.' Later, he's come back and apologised. He's a stubborn, tough little guy, and that's why he's successful. He has a huge range in distances, just like Aouita."

Morceli's potential was rapidly emerging during the recent American indoor season. At the Meadowlands race in New Jersey, he came within a second of breaking Coghlan's eight-year-old mile record, running 3min 50.81sec. In the Millrose Games, a magnificent duel developed with the experienced Marcus O'Sullivan, the winner of the previous three races. Attempting to overhaul Morceli on the penultimate (short lap) back strait, O'Sullivan failed.

"His legs are just enormous for a miler," O'Sullivan said afterwards in some awe. "He's going to do something outrageous sooner or later." Morceli, like Aouita, is relatively short at 5ft 7in and is all legs. He had run 3min 50sec for the mile outdoors at the age of 16.

"There is no doubt that his 5,000 work and cross-country running over the past two winters has developed Morceli's strength," Banks said. "His instinct is to run from the front, but he's learning to use his head, to pace himself and come from behind. No one can drop him, and he's got the speed for finishing. In Seville, he controlled it from the front because it was a slow race. That was intelligence."

Yet it was only a year before that Morceli had been running, almost unknown, against Steve Cram in Los Angeles, pushing the world record-holder all the way, and the indoor track comentator, not even knowing Morceli's name, shouting "this nuisance just won't give up". The nuisance came second in a powerful 3min 55sec.

Banks is worried about Morceli becoming burned out on the European circuit, and questions whether his protegy — who is now back in Algeria, possibly returning to Riverside for a secondary degree course next autumn following the world championships in Tokyo — is being sufficiently carefully handled by Amar Brahmia, the man now managing Morceli's affairs.

With his close-clipped haircut, and semi-permanent attire of T-shirt and shorts, Banks is the epitomy of the US track coach — down to earth, outwardly hard, objective. He is not against professionalism, but it bothers him that Morceli's advisers are changing promoters for money, rather than looking for the right race.

"Nourredine wanted to win the world indoor race, because the prestige of the title was important to him," Banks said. "It was a necessary part of his psychological development, up against the world's other top runners, but Brahmia was trying to tell him Seville didn't matter, that no one (significant) would be there." Banks suspects that Morceli, for the moment out of his jurisdiction, is in danger of becoming caught up in a collective training programme within the Algerian Federation, within which his work will not be sufficiently designed specifically for him.

"You have to concentrate on the individual," Banks said. "Nourredine's problem is that in Europe, everyone is wanting to manage him."

Morceli has said that he thinks he can run 3min 44sec for the mile (Cram's record is 3min 46.32sec). "He just doesn't realise how fast that is: that's how naive he is." Banks said. Aouita has said Morceli will be the athlete of the Nineties. That may be so, but if Ted Banks's suspicions are accurate — and if Morceli continues, as he tends to do at present, to exaggerate his preference for speed work in training — he could indeed become the burned-out case of the Nineties.

Morceli: unlimited p

BOXING

Eubank still secretive over Stretch strategy

By Bryan Stiles

CHRIS Eubank, who strikes poses at the drop of a glove, put on his best bad pose yesterday at one of London's ritzier hotels in Park Lane. The press corps had gathered to see if there was anything new in the hype before he defends his World Boxing Organisation middleweight title against Gary Stretch tomorrow week.

Eubank did not disappoint. After all, the Grand Hall at Olympia needs 11,400 paying customers to fill all those seats, and the more the public's interest is aroused the better.

He wished Stretch well in his modelling career but did not deny he had said he would like ten per cent of the plastic surgeon's fees after he had finished cutting up his opponent's face, or that Stretch's relatives would not recognise him when the battle was over. Nasty stuff, and his particular way with words did not impress Stretch.

The noise of a road drill outside the hotel window double-jabbed and treble-jabbed Eubank but that did not worry him. He lowered his voice even further from his usual almost-inaudible delivery. That meant there had to be a press conference about the press conference at the end, so that everyone could check that he really did say what they thought he had.

Eubank, who according to his publicity blurb is "Master of the Game," "Unbeaten and Unbeatable", or — probably the one he prefers — "Simply the Best", seemed not to take it kindly when a sharp-tongued reporter asked if he agreed that he performed like a novice in the opening rounds of the last defence of his title, against Dan Sherry.

First the long, hard stare designed to pin the impertinent questioner to his seat, then the long, hard silence, followed by "you are entitled to your opinion", and a glance away to indicate the interlude was over. A nerve had been touched.

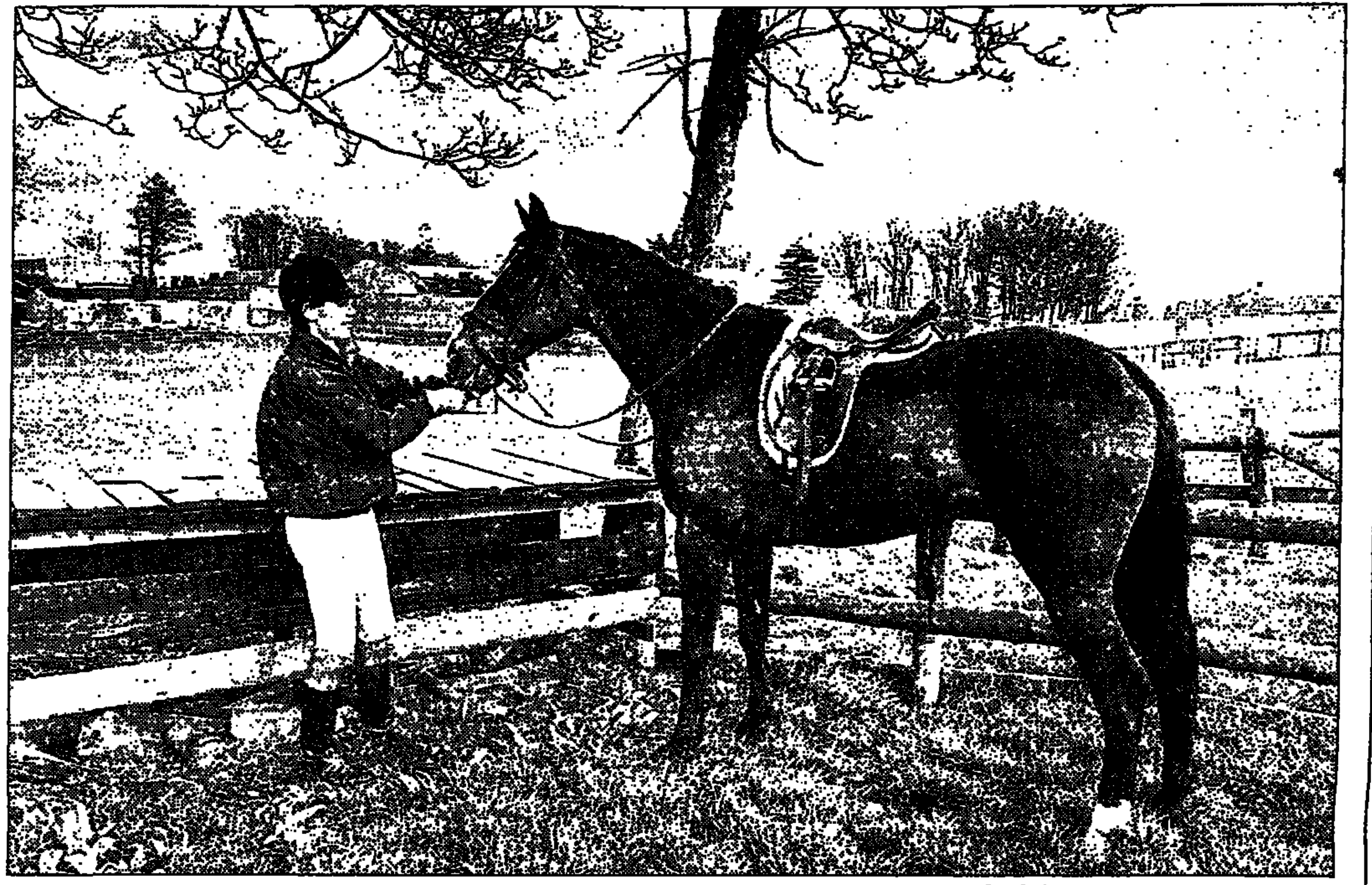
What tactics would he use against Stretch? "I will not tell anyone what my strategy will be — not even my trainer." His trainer, Ronnie Davies, declared: "He's really mean and nasty and is going to spank Stretch."

Eubank has employed Steve McCarthy, the British light-heavyweight, at his Brighton gym, with instructions to backpedal like fury — presumably because he believes Stretch may employ similar tactics. "He humiliated me, I caught McCarthy only twice in two weeks," Eubank claimed.

The St Helens challenger is just back from Las Vegas, where he had an even better sparring partner, Virgil Hill, the WBA light-heavyweight champion. Stretch says he has no intention of running away from Eubank. "There will definitely be no hit-and-run. I'm prepared to stand and trade punches and I will be taking the fight to him. I want to beat him bad, stop him, knock him out."

Stretch, who seemed keen to play down his model image, had turned up in an incongruous yellow woolly hat, dark glasses and an inelegant biscuit-coloured tracksuit top. Part of the hype? Do not forget those 11,400 seats at Olympia.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Anyone for Badminton? Christopher Bartle and his partner, Bill Giles, at the riding school in Ripon after being rejected yet again

The dream is over for another year

By Jenny MacArthur

FIFTEEN years ago, Christopher Bartle made his first attempt to ride at Badminton. A week before the event, he received the "dreaded telephone call" from Frank Weldon, then director of the horse trials, telling him he had been ballotted out because of the number of entries.

"Don't worry, old boy," Weldon said. "There'll always be another time."

The "old boy" is nearly 40 now and still waiting for a first ride at Badminton, although he has not been trying every year. Six months after that first attempt his horse, Wily Trout, damaged a tendon before Burghley and Bartle's vet advised against further horse trials. Bartle turned to dressage and Wily Trout proved so adept that by 1981 they had been selected for the British team.

Over the next seven years they represented Britain on many occasions and their sixth place at the Los Angeles Olympics — a performance singled out for praise by Germany's Olympic medal winner, Reiner Klimke — remains the highest placing by a Britain in Olympic dressage.

Despite the success Bartle still hankered after the thrill of cross-country riding. "I have always had an obsession with the idea of the complete horseman," he said recently. "Dressage and eventing are very close in terms of the overall horsemanship required."

He made another attempt on Badminton last year, but was again thwarted when his horse, Vespey's Boy, injured himself just before the event. This Easter though, riding Bill Giles "a good old fashioned Badminton horse" he took third place at the Glenluce Horse Trials and thought this year might be third time lucky.

Bartle's role model is his trainer, Baron Hans von Blixen-Finecke, of Sweden, who started out as an amateur jockey, moved to eventing (winning a double gold medal at the Helsinki Olympics in 1952) and turned to pure dressage after that. Bartle's mother, Nicole, met Blixen-Finecke on a course at Stoneleigh in 1973 and he has trained Bartle and his sister Jane, also a British team dressage rider, ever since.

Bartle is not only receiving training but giving it. He and Jane run the Yorkshire riding centre started by their mother at the family home in Markington, near Harrogate, in 1963. Bartle, who now lives at the centre, with his Canadian wife, Sue, and their two children took it over in 1975.

"My idea was to have a nucleus of a high-class competition yard with a riding centre built around it so ideas could flow both ways. The ambitious idea has resulted in one of the largest, most-professionally run equestrian establishments in the country. The centre revolves around 30 students and 50 horses. Despite its size, it retains the atmosphere of a small family concern.

A number of Badminton riders come to the Bartles for dressage lessons, including Karen Straker and Lorna Clarke. At her last lesson, Miss Straker, a member of the British team, was seen executing stylish half-passes on Get Smart, neatly threading her way round an elderly lady on a small cob.

Bartle is a skilled and patient teacher who, next January, is going to to Australia and New Zealand to take clinics. He also runs courses elsewhere in Britain. "At home, I would rather take on a few riders and be available for them when they need me."

Bartle is prepared to be intimidated by Badminton's cross-country course. "It would suit me better if Weldon was still building the course," he said last month. He believes that Hugh Thomas, Weldon's successor, "builds more technical courses. One of the niggling problems which I have had with Bill Giles in trying to slow him up enough for combination fences."

Last month at Glenluce, the horse, who was bought from the Strakers as a seven year old, and showed a precocious talent in going from novice to advanced in one season, clearly got his act together. Bartle was buoyant, Badminton closer.

Last week he received "the dreaded call" — too many entries; a disadvantage in never having completed an advanced three-day event with the horse; ballotted out. The dream is over for another year.

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By Mark Herb

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SWIMMING

Wigan out of club team championship

By Craig Lord

THE sting has been taken out of the women's events at this weekend's British club team championhip final with the withdrawal of four key teams, including Mercury Wigan Wasps, winners last year.

Illness and the time gap between qualifying rounds and the final have been blamed for the withdrawals. Keith Bewley, coach to Wigan, expressed disappointment at not being able to defend the British team title and also the European Community best club title which Wasps captured in Italy last May.

Bewley said he had decided to pull out after realising that at least two of the internationals who helped the club qualify last autumn would not be available for the final at Sheffield on Friday and Saturday. Suki Brownsdon is yet to regain fitness after a three-month break due to illness, while Samantha Purvis has returned to her home club of Stockton.

Wigan, City of Dundee and Millfield will be replaced by City of Chester. City of Coventry and Rochdale Aquabears in the women's contest. The new line-up leaves Portsmouth Northsea clear favourites.

In the men's event, City of Southampton are replaced by City of Chester. The change leaves the main challenge, between City of Leeds, Portsmouth Northsea and Barnet Copthall, unaffected.

Asthmatic enlists in fight to find a cure for leukaemia

By Michael Coleman

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UNTIL last November, Peter Stewart had not run more than a mile. "About five years ago I bought a pair of trainers but never thought about running seriously," he said. "In fact, when I saw people running in the streets as I drove along I thought them mad."

What helped change his mind was watching last year's ADT London Marathon on television. "It was quite moving and it also made me look at myself. I would soon be in my mid-thirties. I was on the way to middle-aged spread. I must get fit, I told myself."

During the summer, he wrote off for an application form for this year's marathon, on April 21, joined a gymnasium and began circuit training. A lifelong asthma sufferer — "they always tell you that you'll grow out of it when you're eleven, 14, or 20" — he found last June and July particularly painful. "The car exhaust fumes made me really ill."

But he persevered, with three lunch-time workouts a week at the gym and, eventually, three runs a week, slowly building up the mileage. His chest began feeling less tight and he was able to halve his steroid inhaler intake. Three tubs of the capsules were stretching over 60 days rather than a month.

Like so many late starters, Stewart, who works at an advertising agency in South Kensington, London, runs alone in training. His first group experience came at the beginning of March in a five-mile fun run in Berkhamsted and his first experience of a race two weeks later over ten miles at Hemel Hempstead.

"I estimated it would take me around 90 minutes but when I got to the start there were signs showing where we should line up. The last was for the 80-minutes group. There was the smell of Ralgex and vaseline about. These were obviously professionals. Not wanting to be last, I cheated a bit and put myself down for the mid-70s. As it happened, after the first rush, I began to move up through the field and finished in 82 minutes. They were still coming in after I had taken drinks and been given my medal. It hadn't hurt at all."

A 16-mile training run, his longest ever, just before Easter, did leave its mark, however, with a dull pain in his right foot and, of all things, an aching left arm. But there was recompense when, over the holiday, he went back to his native county of Cornwall. "A woman came up to me in the Cornish Arms in Truro, said she'd heard I was running London for the Leukaemia Research Fund and here was a sponsor form already filled up for £70."

Four years ago, Stewart's best friend, Pete, died from leukaemia. "He was the best man at my wedding. He became our lodger. He was the manager of Rules, the oldest restaurant in London. He was fit, cycled to work every day, never went sick. One day he caught a cold. Two days later he was in hospital. One day after that he was diagnosed as having leukaemia. Six weeks later he died. I was there. The minutes after, with his family and nurses will always haunt me."

A cure for leukaemia must be found, Stewart says. The staff in hospitals like University College, London, where Pete died, must be made to feel they were doing the right job. "That day when Pete died, the nurses broke down because they felt they had failed."

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Feet up: a break in training for London advertising man Peter Stewart, approaching his first marathon

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European Cup
Semi-finals, first leg

Bayern Munich v Red Star Belgrade
Marseilles v Spartak Moscow

European Cup Winners' Cup
Semi-finals, first leg

Legia Warsaw v Manchester Utd (4.0)
Juventus v Barcelona

UEFA Cup
Semi-finals, first leg

Brondby v Roma
Sporting Club Lisbon v Inter Milan

Barclays League
First division

Everton v Wimbledon
Leeds Utd v Manchester City (7.45)
Norwich v Tottenham (7.45)
Nottm Forest v Derby County
QPR v Aston Villa (7.45)

Second division

Brighton v West Ham
Bristol R v Ipswich (8.0)
Leicester v Oldham (7.45)
Millwall v Charlton
Newcastle v Oxford (7.45)
Sheffield Wed v Blackburn (7.45)
West Bromwich v Hull

Fourth division

Torquay v Cardiff

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston v Merthyr

B and Q Scottish League
First division

Ayr Utd v Morton
Meadowbank v Kilmarnock

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: First division: Chesham v Dorking; Molesey v Whyteleafe. Second division south: Hampton v Ruislip Manor. Second division north: Collier Row v Tilbury.

LARCHIMAGE WINDOWS CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Hythe v Trowbridge.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE vision: Atherstone v Dover; W Rugby. Southern division: Hastings. Midland divisio Bedworth; Corby v Sutt Leicester Utd v Dudley; Ne Spalding.

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FAI HARP LAGER CUP: replay: Shamrock v Athlone

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HFS LOANS LEAGUE: F Congleton v Workington; W Alfreton.

JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: lepc v Histon; Lowestoft v Cl

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Mole Board and Black Humour, who ran in the Champion, are among Ryde Again's rivals this time. Mole Board's good fourth at Cheltenham was in stark contrast to his much more moderate fifth, again behind Morley Street, at Liverpool last Saturday.

Black Humour, who got only as far as the second flight in the festival race, is a half-brother to Gaye Brief, the winner of today's race four seasons ago. So he should not fail for want of stamina. However, the fact remains that he has fallen in two of his five races this term so he looks somewhat accident prone.

Upton Park, who finished sixth in the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham, is the least experienced member of today's field, with only three

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

races over jumps under his belt.

Well that Rositary should go with only 10st 12lb to carry, I am convinced that his stable companion Laundryman (2.35) is a more likely winner for Stan Mellor and Mark Perrett, so much so that he is my nap to win the Golden Eagles Novices' Chase even though he fell at Sandown last time.

At the time, none was going better as he tracked the eventual winner, that talented young jumper Golden Celtic, into the last of the three railway fences.

Earlier in the season, Laundryman had shown himself to be an accomplished jumper by winning over those same trappy Esher fences after scoring three times in a row, at Lingfield twice and Taunton.

While Acre Hill, Southerly Buster and Sea Island are all capable of testing Laundryman, I still expect my nap to atone for that latest mistake.

Today's programme at Ascot can begin with Super Sense, who ran the race of his life at Cheltenham to finish third behind Crystal Spirit and Minorettes Girl, finding deserved compensation with victory in the Hen Harrier Novices' Hurdle.

Romany King, who won easily at Chepstow eight days ago now, looks good value for only a 4lb penalty in the Peregrine Handicap Chase, while the Kestrel Limited Handicap Hurdle is an ideal opportunity for the consistent Stratford Ponds.

At Ludlow, the improved Royal Greek can sustain his winning form by capturing the H R Attwood Memorial Trophy.

On the Flat at Ripon, I like the look of Arial Star's chance of winning the Studley Royal Handicap because he will be as hard as nails and in a good frame of mind too after winning his last two races over hurdles. Last year, his form on the Flat was entirely adequate.

Paris House, who made a successful debut at Doncaster, can stay unbeaten by winning the Fountains Auction Stakes, while the Kingsclere trainer Ian Balding can land a first and last-race double on the Yorkshire track with Silver Dilemma (2.15) and Pay Homage (4.50).

ASCOT

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Kempton (2m 4f, good to firm). NICKLE JOE 7l 2nd to Springaleak at Haydock (2m, good to soft). PARDON ME SIR easily beat Grey Rum 8l at Worcester (2m, good to firm). SIMMIE 4½l 3rd to Hurricane Hugo at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good to firm). SUPER SENSE showed greatly improved form when 8l 3rd to Crystal Spirit in grade I Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft), and represents the clear form selection on that effort.

Selection: SUPER SENSE (nap)

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BUCK 25 (B,BF,S) (D Horton) C Brooks 8-10-13	G Bradley	85
LAND 9 (D,G,S) (R Warren) M Pipe 7-10-13	—	91

man, 7-2 Southerly Buster, 5-1 Acre Hill, Sea Island, 8-1 Bitter Buck, 10-1 Givus A Buck,

1990: OKEETEE 7-11-4 B de Haan (40-85 fav) C Brooks 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

nd going well when falling in the
Celtic at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd,
THE LINE pulled up. Earlier beat
course and distance (good to
nd to Star's Delight at Sandown
Whatever You Like 1½l at New-
N ON THE LINE 3l 2nd to Esha

Ness at Newbury (2m 4f, good). SOUTHERLY BUSTER rather disappointing since beating Calapaez 10l at Kempton (2m 4f, good) in January. SEA ISLAND beat Tildarg 4l at Chepstow (2m 4f, good to soft). Earlier beat Wildwood Moss 15l at Chepstow (2m, heavy), a race where BITTER BUCK (7lb better off) was upsides when falling at the last time out.

Selection: LAUNDRYMAN

OWSE LONG DISTANCE HURDLE (Grade II: £12,880: BBC1

AGAIN 39 (B,CD,F,S) (Mrs K Hayward) P Cundell 8-11-10	G McCourt	89
OR 25 (G,S) (Miss A Harwood) G Harwood 8-11-10	Miss A Harwood	79
HUMOUR 29 (G,S) (R A Bott Ltd) C Brooks 7-11-3	G Bradley	86
UTH 34 (B,D,BF,F) (R Joachim) J Jenkins 7-11-3	M Ahern	67
BOARD 4 (F,S) (W Sturt) J Old 9-11-3	J Osborne	● 99
PARK 28 (G) (P Newton) J Fanshawe 6-11-3	S Smith Eccles	76
B 32 (C,G,S) (Mrs A Fawcett) M W Easterby 7-11-3	R Dunwoody	96
ARY 8 (D,F,S) (P Winkworth) S Mellor 8-10-12	M Perrett	83

Again, 5-2 Black Humour, 9-2 Mole Board, 5-1 Yaheeb, 7-1 Upton Park, 8-1 Rositary, South.

1990: BATTALION 6-11-7 B de Haan (100-30) C Brooks 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

and distance (soft) winner, head
ford (2m, good).
king well prior to falling at the
urdle, earlier easily beat Clifton
at Kempton (2m 4f, good), with
off) 12½l 5th.
a Defender 6l at Lingfield (AW,
ultimate start. MOLE BOARD
rley Street in grade I Sandeman
pool (2m 4f, good to soft) on
better display when 6¾l 4th to
Champion Hurdle at Chelten-

ham (2m, good to soft), with BLACK HUMOUR falling. UPTON PARK beat Granville Again 5l on hurdling debut at Chepstow (2m 4f, good) and ran equally as well in defeat when 19l 6th to Crystal Spirit in grade I Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft) last time out.

YAHEEB ¾l 2nd to Rouyan in a handicap at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, good) in February. ROSITARY beat Cima 4l in a handicap at Chepstow (3m, good to soft). Earlier 4l 2nd to Monetary Fund at Lingfield (2m 4f, soft), with VAGADOR 36l 11th.

Selection: MOLE BOARD

3.40 PEREGRINE HANDICAP CHASE (£10,325: 2m 4f) (8 runners) BBC1

401	203PP1	SURE METAL 11 (D,F,G,S) (Nolan Hardman & Partners Ltd) D McCain 8-11-10	G McCourt	97
402	328225	IDA'S DELIGHT 28 (CD,F,G,S) (J Charlton) J Charlton 12-11-8	J Osborne	98
403	14P13F	ANOTHER CORAL 8 (D,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 8-11-5	R Dunwoody	90
404	111321	ROMANY KING 8 (D,G,S) (L Garrett) G Balding 7-11-1 (4ex)	S Hodgson (5)	● 99
405	11113-4	SWORD BEACH 29 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Mason) M H Easterby 7-10-12	L Wyer	90
406	23RP51	ROSCOE HARVEY 15 (D,F,G,S) (P Spicer) C Brooks 9-10-6	G Bradley	88
407	6-3130F	FIT FOR FIRING 28 (D,G,S) (F Chapman) D Elsworth 7-10-1	P Holley	90
408	42P052	JOHN O'DEE 9 (F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-0	D Murphy	90

BETTING: 3-1 Romany King, 4-1 Ida's Delight, Sword Beach, 5-1 Another Coral, 8-1 Fit For Firing, Sure Metal, 10-1 Roscoe Harvey, 20-1 John O'Dee.

1990: IDA'S DELIGHT 11-11-2 B Storey (11-4) J Charlton 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SURE METAL jumped well when beating Sawdust Jack 7l at Haydock (2m, good to soft). IDA'S DELIGHT good ½l 2nd to Katabatic at Wetherby (2m 4f 100yd, good) on penultimate start. All out to beat Welsh Oak a neck in this race last year (firm).

ANOTHER CORAL one-paced 7½l 3rd to Aldino in Grand Annual Chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft). Previously driven out to beat Combermere 2l at Kempton (2m 4f, good). ROMANY KING beat Midnight Train 12l at Chepstow (2m 4f, good to soft). Previously 2l 2nd to Foyle Fisherman in Mildmay of Flete Chase at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft), with IDA'S DELIGHT (11lb better off) 10l 5th and FIT FOR FIRING mid-division when falling 4 out. SWORD BEACH weakened 2 out when 33l 4th to Uner-Plained at Sedgefield (2m, good to soft). Ridden out to beat Comandante 30l over course and distance (firm) last April. ROSCOE HARVEY beat Norstown 2l in amateurs' race at Sandown (3m 118yd, good).

Selection: IDA'S DELIGHT

4.10 MERLIN NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £3,882: 3m) (16 runners)

501	06-1301	ANOTHER TROUP 9 (B,D,F,G) (R Townsend) R Townsend 9-13-0	D Townsend (7)	74
502	3-12	MILK QUOTA 23 (BF,G) (Mrs J Eckley) B Eckley 8-12-7	—	79
503	P2-21F	PRINCE NEPAL 15 (D,BF,S) (Maj E Wilson) R Champion 7-12-7	W Wales (7)	93
504	2035-14	RAIN MARK 8 (BF,S) (M Chatterton) M Chatterton 10-12-7	C Bealby (7)	97
505	21	WALL GAME 28 (G) (Mrs J Delahooke) Mrs J Delahooke 8-12-7	A Hill (3)	81
506	2/2P35-F	ABBOTSHAM 15 (S) (O Carter) O Carter 6-12-0	R Darke (7)	90
507	/P52/PP-	BACHELOR OF LAW 411 (Mrs H Fullerton) Mrs H Fullerton 10-12-0	N Mitchell (7)	—
508	05F2/P	EASTER LEE 34 (G) (A Hunt) A Hunt 11-12-0	P Hacking (3)	—
509	35R/U	FIFTY BUCKS 47 (F) (R Dench) R Dench 11-12-0	A Hickman (7)	—
510	P800/U-2	LAST EXTRAVAGANCE 7 (M Churches) M Churches 10-12-0	R Farrant (7)	86
511	3303R-3	LYNWOOD LAD 8 (G Price) G Price 10-12-0	T Jones (7)	78
512	3/6F-PPP	MR FINNLEE 22 (B) (J Whelan) J Whelan 9-12-0	L Fogarty (7)	—
513	255-2FP	PEPYS 13 (G) (S Flurry) S Flurry 10-12-0	G Hanmer (7)	● 99
514	2-3	PROVERBIAL LUCK 7 (J Greenall) J Greenall 7-12-0	J Greenall (3)	82
515	PP0/P5P-	THE FROZEN PADRE 497 (Mrs S Cole) Mrs S Cole 10-12-0	J Trice Rolph (7)	—
516	328/4	LADY NEWTON 22 (BF,S) (Mrs J Tice) Mrs J Tice 10-11-9	A Sansome (7)	89

BETTING: 11-4 Prince Nepal, 7-2 Rain Mark, 9-2 Lady Newton, 13-2 Lynwood Lad, 8-1 Pepys, 10-1 Fifty Bucks, 12-1 Abbotsham, 16-1 others.

1990: DEER CREST 10-11-7 W Wales (5-1) W Bulwer-Long 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANOTHER TROUP unchallenged 25l winner from Jolly Fellow at Huntingdon (3m, good to firm).

MILK QUOTA 20l 2nd to Martin Thomas at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, soft). Previously beat Duke Of Abson 2l at Hereford (3m 1f, good).

PRINCE NEPAL beat Water Wagtail 15l at Sandown (3m 118yd, good to soft). Every chance when falling 4 out over same course and distance last time out. RAIN MARK poor 4th behind My Dream Maker at Wetherby (3m 100yd, soft). Previously beat WALL GAME (same terms) 6l at Leicester (2m 4f, soft). WALL GAME beat Tigers Pet 7l at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, good). LAST EXTRAVAGANCE one-paced 20l 2nd to Elver Season at Worcester (3m, good), with PROVERBIAL LUCK (same terms) 4l 3rd.

Selection: PRINCE NEPAL

4.45 KESTREL HURDLE (Limited handicap: £5,208: 2m) (8 runners)

601	1301P5	WELSH BARD 9 (D,G,S) (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 7-12-0	B de Haan	● 99
602	523354	STRATFORD PONDS 32 (CD,F,G) (R Waters) O Sherwood 6-11-9	A S Smith (5)	92
603	10-5330	MAJOR INQUIRY 29 (CD,F,G) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 5-11-4	G Bradley	92
604	11101P-	KADAN 296F (CD,F,G) (M Whatley) M Tompkins 7-11-1	S Smith Eccles	89
605	322-P05	SMART PERFORMER 8 (D,G,S) (R Gomersall) N Tinkler 6-10-8	G McCourt	88
606	310032	KETTI 32 (B,D,F,G,S) (S Houghton) D Grissell 6-10-7	H Davies	92
607	5434-20	HEY COTTAGE 32 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Dimond) D McCain 6-10-7	P Niven	83
608	133341	IVEAGH HOUSE 9 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-7	M Bowlby	85

Long handicap: Ketti 10-3, Hey Cottage 9-10, Iveagh House 9-9.

BETTING: 7-2 Major Inquiry, 4-1 Welsh Bard, 9-2 Stratford Ponds, 5-1 Iveagh House, 6-1 Ketti, 10-1 Hey Cottage, 12-1 Smart Performer, Kadan.

1990: JUBAIL 5-11-1 R Supple (Evens fav) K Morgan 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

WELSH BARD weakened 3 out when 30l 5th to Wonder Man in Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow (2m, good to soft). Beat Danny Harrold 15l in grade II Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good), with MAJOR INQUIRY (10lb better off) 2l 3rd and STRATFORD PONDS (10lb better off) 9l 5th.

KADAN beat Don Valentino 4l at Uttoxeter (2m, good), and was 2½l 3rd to Navaresque in an apprentices' handicap at Brighton (7f, firm) in June. SMART PERFORMER running-on ½l 2nd to Moody Man in last year's County Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm), and was 28½l 5th to Father Time at Wetherby (2m 4f, soft) last time out. KETTI unfancied 3l 2nd Precious Boy in Imperial Cup at Sandown (2m, good to soft), with STRATFORD PONDS (6lb better off) 3l 4th. IVEAGH HOUSE just got up to beat Music Wonder (rec 24lb) a neck at Chepstow (2m, good to soft).

Selection: WELSH BARD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pipe	19	78	24.4	G Bradley	10	37	27.0
M H Easterby	8	35	22.9	L Harvey	6	25	24.0
C Brooks	6	28	21.4	M Perrett	11	49	22.4
D Elsworth	19	89	21.3	J Osborne	8	43	18.6
R Akehurst	7	34	20.6	S Smith Eccles	10	69	14.5
S Mellor	7	37	18.9	G McCourt	6	47	12.8

☐ Henry Cecil opened his account for the season with his second runner when Perfay stayed on strongly under Steve Cauthen to beat the Geoffrey Wragg-trained Crossillion by one-and-a-half lengths in the Spring Maiden Stakes at Pontefract yesterday. Cecil's first runner of the season, Friedland, had finished third behind Dreams End, also trained by Wragg, at Newcastle on Monday.

RIPON

THUNDERER

ma. 2.15 Silver Dilemma.
2.45 Lifetimes Ambition.
3.15 Arial Star.
eal. 3.50 Eire Leath-Sceal.
4.20 Paris House.
4.50 MULCIBER (nap).

KET CORRESPONDENT: 3.15 ARMY OF STARS (nap). 3.50 Muzo. 4.50 Malibu Magic.

nes Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 WAKE UP.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

LL APPRENTICE STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,633: 6f) (8 runners)

ESTREL FORBOXES 207 (D,F) (Laurel Leisure Ltd) J Berry 9-7	S Hayworth	93
OCTON NORTH 9 (D,G) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 9-4	D Gibbs	80
ESHIFT 11 (D,BF,G,S) (Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid) M Bell 9-2	P Turner (7)	● 99
ECRET HAZE 279 (D,S) (Mrs J Hodgson) Miss S Hall 8-13	F Norton	89
REAT MUSIC 270 (J Pickard) J Wainwright 8-11	G Parkin	68
RINCE BELFORT (Mrs C Sykes) M Naughton 8-11	R Lamplaugh (7)	—
LVER DILEMMA 13 (BF) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-11	F Arrowsmith	88
CU'S LADY 176 (Mrs M Dunning) A Smith 8-6	T Marsden	65

mma, 7-2 Reshift, 4-1 Kestrel Forboxes, 9-2 Rocton North, 6-1 Secret Haze, 16-1 Great t, 33-1 Scu's Lady.

1990: CASE LAW 9-7 B Lane (5-1) M Prescott 4 ran

ELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,969: 1m) (17 runners)

AGGIES LAD 11 (B) (B Brownewood) T Fairhurst 9-7	J Fanning (5)	98
IDAY FOURBALL 154 (D Palamountain) E Weymes 9-7	A Culhane	80
REY COMMANDER 9 (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-6	S Maloney (5)	86
FETIMES AMBITION 151 (P Lawton) E Alston 9-5	Amanda Nall (7)	97
IARON'S RABBIT 42 (B) (T Meller) R Ingram 9-3	A Mackay	86
REMIER CHOICE 287 (JBS Mailing Services) W Pearce 8-10	D Nicholls	—
Y EDEN 8 (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-9	W R Swinburn	93
INA SKY 7 (A Goldson) C Allen 8-9	G Bardwell	● 99
NIDO 172 (H Roberts) M Camacho 8-8	N Connorton	97
IASSUMING 158 (K Whaldon) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8	Dean McKeown	91
IOWACA 14 (B Leatherday) R Marvin 8-5	F Norton (7)	96
YLLDALE 183 (D Redhead) R Bastiman 8-5	K Fallon	—
ARJORIE WOOD 189 (S Norton) S Norton 8-3	J Fortune	86
IOMI'S KEEPSAKE 118 (E Covell) C Thornton 8-1	J Quinn	—
ALTBY HYUNDAI 25 (Claremont Management Services) R King 8-0	R Price (5)	—
BUCA 14 (B) (I Harris) D Yeoman 7-12	S Wood (3)	—
GEND OF SCOTLAND 9 (B) (P Kenyon) J Czerpak 7-12	N Adams	—

g, 5-1 Fav Eden, 6-1 China Sky, 7-1 Lifetimes Ambition, 8-1 El Nido, Showaca, 10-1 Friday ir, 12-1 others.

90: YOUNG GEORGE 9-2 K Fallon (100-30) M Naughton 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

inners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
5	11	45.5	S Cauthen	10	23	43.5
4	24	16.7	W R Swinburn	6	32	18.8
16	99	16.2	R Cochrane	7	38	18.4
7	59	11.9	Paul Eddery	10	62	16.1
7	61	11.5	G Duffield	15	110	13.6
qualifiers			Dale Gibson	6	46	13.0

3.15 STUDLEY ROYAL HANDICAP (£3,494: 1m 4f 70yd) (15 runners)

1	(15)	050642-	ARMY OF STARS 151 (F,G,S) (Army of Stars Partnership) C Brittain 6-10-0	M Roberts	89
2	(14)	126348-	ARIAL STAR 9J (F) (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-12	B Raymond	90
3	(7)	235025-	JUST MY BILL 271 (V,S) (N Hetherton) J Hetherton 5-9-7	J Lowe	84
4	(9)	640/12-2	COME TO TERMS 14 (D,F) (Mrs S Hutchinson) T Barron 5-9-4	Alex Greaves (3)	98
5	(5)	033124-	RODEO STAR 11J (F,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 5-8-12	Kim Tinkler	88
6	(10)	4000/13	TANODA 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-8-9	A Munro	86
7	(1)	30/5315-	SHERIFF'S BAND 9J (C,F) (I Armitage) M H Easterby 4-8-7	M Birch	84
8	(4)	2000/6-5	EASY OVER 14 (G) (Miss V Foster) G Moore 5-8-7	W R Swinburn	84
9	(2)	64210-0	VAIN PRINCE 20 (D,F) (A Findley) N Tinkler 4-8-7	S Fothergill (7)	83
10	(11)	2506-00	BEAUMOOD 9 (D,F,S) (T Hainsworth) C Tinkler 5-8-5	P Burke	92
11	(3)	625000-	WELCOMING ARMS 162 (H Thomson) P Calver 4-8-3	N Carlisle	92
12	(8)	004300-	FIRST BID 151 (Thomlinson's) R Whitaker 4-8-2	A Culhane	89
13	(13)	1333U0	BEDOUIN PRINCE 20 (D) (M Toulson) J Harris 4-8-0	T Williams	95
14	(6)	5300-	PASSAGE HOME 256 (C W C Elsey) C W C Elsey 4-7-11	Dale Gibson	80
15	(12)	060006-	WAKE UP 6J (F,G) (Mrs J Ward) R O'Leary 4-7-11	L Charnock	● 99

BETTING: 9-2 Come To Terms, 5-1 Arial Star, 11-2 Army Of Stars, 6-1 Rodeo Star, 8-1 Wake Up, Sheriff's Band, 10-1 Just My Bill, Tanoda, 12-1 Easy Over, Bedouin Prince, 14-1 others.

1990: NATIVE FLAIR 5-9-10 S Cauthen (9-2) R Armstrong 10 ran

3.50 GREWELTHORPE HANDICAP (£4,464: 1m 3f) (9 runners)

1	(9)	5331-	MUZO 194 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 4-10-0	S Cauthen	93
2	(5)	12215-5	THE GOOFER 8 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Coleman) A Stringer 4-9-6	D Nicholls	95
3	(6)	0000-00	FOX CHAPEL 9 (F,S) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 4-9-4	B Raymond	94
4	(4)	4050-56	EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 9 (F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-9-2	A Munro	98
5	(3)	65430-2	SALMAN 15 (F,S) (S Norton) S Norton 5-8-11	J Lowe	98
6	(1)	4103-33	BRECKENBROUGH LAD 15 (D,BF,S) (C Greensit) T Barron 4-8-5	Alex Greaves (3)	97
7	(8)	0244-01	MARGS GIRL 20 (D,F,G,S) (G Stephenson) T Fairhurst 4-8-5	J Fanning (5)	87
8	(2)	35540-3	TIGER CLAW 13 (F) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Hodges 5-8-3	M Roberts	● 99
9	(7)	2/06304-	LINPAC LIGHT 154 (Linpac Group Ltd) C W C Elsey 4-8-2	Dale Gibson	96

BETTING: 9-2 Muzo, 5-1 Salman, 6-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, 7-1 Fox Chapel, 8-1 Margs Girl, 10-1 Breckenbrough Lad, Tiger Claw, 12-1 The Goofer, 14-1 Linpac Light.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.20 FOUNTAINS AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,723: 5f) (12 runners)

1	(10)	1	MIGHTY-Q 9 (D,G) (Mighty Quinn Racing) M Channon 8-5	J Quinn	—
2	(6)	1	PARIS HOUSE 18 (D,S) (P Chandler) J Berry 8-5	J Carroll	—
3	(7)	1	VANBOROUGH LAD 16 (D,S) (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 8-5	J Williams	—
4	(4)		BARNSVIEW (N Harris) M Ellerby 7-13	S Morris	—
5	(8)	2	CO-CHIN 14 (D Jefferson) D Moffatt 7-13	A Munro	—
6	(3)		CONNED AGAIN (Sheriff Hutton Racing) M W Easterby 7-13	L Charnock	—
7	(2)	5	KILTROUM 11 (G Morley) C Tinkler 7-13	G Duffield	—
8	(8)		MARK OF SILVER (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 7-13	G Hind (3)	—
9	(1)		ORCHARD BAY (P Ward) W Pearce 7-8	A Bacon	—
10	(11)		SHMOOZY (P Savill) M W Easterby 7-8	K Darley	—
11	(5)		TITIAN GIRL (R Wilkinson) J S Wilson 7-8	A Garth (7)	—
12	(12)		WHO'S THAT LADY (J Gill) M H Easterby 7-8	J Lowe	—

BETTING: 7-4 Paris House, 7-2 Vanborough Lad, 5-1 Mighty-Q, 8-1 Co-Chin, 10-1 Kiltroum, Shmoozy, 12-1 Mark Of Silver, Who's That Lady, 14-1 others.

1990: SATALLITE BOY 8-0 K Darley (8-1) J Etherington 17 ran

4.50 SPA WELTER AUCTION GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,898: 1m 1f) (10 runners)

1	(9)		SON OF A LADY (A Marrison) S Norton 4-8-6	D Nicholls	—
2	(7)	531464-	PAY HOMAGE 191 (F) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 3-8-10	S O'Gorman (5)	● 99
3	(3)	401020-	CARNBREA CUDDY 155 (F) (Mrs S Crompton) J Scargill 3-8-6	A Munro	88
4	(1)	2221-	MULCIBER 170 (F) (Mrs P Treadwell) G Harwood 3-8-6	R Cochrane	89
5	(2)	580059-	BOLD ELECT 167 (Mrs J Wigham) P Wigham 3-8-2	Paul Eddery	85
6	(5)	60	DE LA BILLIERE 8 (I Al-Sagar) J Czerpak 3-8-2	N Adams	69
7	(4)	525-3	MALIBU MAGIC 20 (J Moore) J Eustace 3-8-2	A Cruz	94
8	(6)	00060-	RAVENHURST 205 (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 3-8-2	J Fanning (5)	88
9	(6)	62-	SINCLAIR LAD 166 (Sinclair Developments Ltd) R Hollinshead 3-8-2	G Hind (3)	80
10	(10)		YANKEEDOODLEDANCER (E Richmond) R Whitaker 3-7-11	N Carlisle	—

BETTING: 7-4 Mulciber, 5-2 Pay Homage, 5-1 Malibu Magic, 6-1 Carnbrea Cuddy, 8-1 Bold Elect, 10-1 Sinclair Lad, 12-1 De La Billiere, 14-1 others.

1990: REINE D'BEAUTE 4-9-1 S Cauthen (5-4 fav) H Cecil 9 ran

Carson benefits as Marju switches to Craven Stakes

By RICHARD EVANS

WILLIE Carson's attempt to become the first jockey since 1970 to ride the winners of both Newmarket classics in the same season received a boost yesterday following a decision to prevent Marju and Mukaddamah clashing in next week's 2,000 Guineas trials.

Mukaddamah, trained by Peter Walwyn and 5-1 second favourite, will run in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday week provided the ground is not soft, while Marju, winter favourite for the colt's classic, will be aimed at the Craven Stakes at Newmarket two days earlier.

Hamdan Al-Maktoum owns both contenders and Angus Gold, the sheikh's racing manager, announced the likely running plans after watching Marju work on John Dunlop's Arundel gallops yesterday morning.

The 48-hour gap will give Carson the opportunity to assess the colts' respective chances before deciding which to ride at Newmarket on May 4.

Shadayid, a hot 7-4 favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, is all set to reappear, with Carson on board, in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury on Friday week, following a good piece of work yesterday.

"She had a good blow this morning after a strong bit of work. I was pleased with her and she is on target, bearing in mind that the real target is at Newmarket on May 2. I am happy with her," Dunlop said.

"Marju is being slightly disconcerting as he works very well when he comes to join the lead horses, but then appears to be rather idling and not going through with his work.

"He is definitely going to need his debut because he has been underdoing himself. We will have to see what happens when he doesn't underdo himself."

Time Gentlemen, winner of the Mill Reef Stakes, has wintered extremely well according to the Arundel trainer and will run in the Greenham Stakes. Flying Brave, winner of the lucrative Highflyer Stakes last August, goes for the European Free Handicap at Newmarket next Wednesday.

Michael Stoute is likely to adopt the same tactics with Dartrey in the 1,000 Guineas as he employed with Musical Bliss, winner of the race in 1989, and run the filly in the classic without a preliminary race.

Desert Dirham, a 16-1 shot for the 2,000 Guineas, is out of the race "as he is a little backward and needs more work to come to himself."

Arctic Paddy impeded

THE Old Etonian and Old Harrovian race at the Heythrop point-to-point yesterday was won on an objection by Richard Russell on Arctic Paddy (Brian Beel writes).

Edward Bailey finished a neck in front on the favourite, Fell Climb, but hung on the run-in after catching Arctic Paddy, who had led at the last.

These two were Old Harrovians, but the Old Etonian cup was not awarded as Marcus Armytage, having his first point-to-point ride, failed to weigh in on the only other finisher, Adage, and was disqualified.

The two open races were won respectively by Angela Rucker on Amal Lees Hope and by John Deutsch on Dromin Joker.

RESULTS: Hunt: 1, Contradeal (J Barclay, 4-5 fav); 2, Georgetherunrn, 3, Crunch. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Amal Lees Hope (Mrs A Rucker, 2-1); 2, Tamosaga, 3, Malford Lad. 6 ran. Open: 1, Dromin Joker (J Deutsch, 3-1); 2, Nenni, 3, Moon Warrior. 8 ran. Adj: 1, Spaceman (P Howse, 9-4f); 2, Tam, 3, Proud Bishop. 14 ran. Old Etonian and Old Harrovian: 1, Arctic Paddy (R Russell, 5-1); 2, Fell Climb, 3, Adage (sub disq), only 3 fin. 6 ran. Mdn 1: 1, Jack Fry's Folly (P Howe, 33-1); 2, Red Arc; 3, Sea Run. 9 ran. Mdn II: 1, Forest Stone (D Dando, 14-1); 2, Eventode; 3, Tango Tom. 11 ran.

TODAY'S MEETING: Axe Vale. Stafford Cross, three miles west of Searon (2.0 start).

LUDLOW

MANDARIN

2.0 Rubika. 2.30 Northern Gunner. 3.0 Royal Greek. 3.30 Nathan Blake. 4.0 Sanawi. 4.30 Some Obligation. 5.0 Ullswater. 5.30 Ross Venture. 6.0 Edelweiss.

THUNDERER

2.0 Rubika. 2.30 Northern Gunner. 3.0 Farmlea Boy. 3.30 Longghurst. 4.0 Drag Artist. 4.30 Some Obligation. 5.0 Aldington Bell. 5.30 Ross Venture. 6.0 Edelweiss.

BRIAN BEEL

4.30 Some Obligation.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.0 ASTON MUNSLOW NOVICES HURDLE (£1,463: 2m 5f) (18 runners)

1	2215	JANE CRAIG 13 (BF) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-5	C Maude (3)
2	521	ARBOR VITAE 9 (F) M Pipe 4-11-3	P Scudamore
3	0324	AVONBURN 19 (F) M Robinson 7-11-3	I Lawrence
4	16	BABCOCK BOY 75 (F) D Murray Smith 6-11-3	P Verling (3)
5	0PB	CAPTAIN BASIL 41 Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-3	S J O'Neill
6	-205	CONSTRUCTION 35 Mrs J Breese 8-11-3	R Supple
7	0P0P	FARMER BRYAN 25 N Gaselee 5-11-3	E O'Donovan (7)
8	40	GHIA GNEUIAGH 32 C Trietline 5-11-3	R Bellamy (3)
9	5-53	LOFTINESS 148 N Henderson 5-11-3	J White
10	P4	PERTH BALL 13 T Forster 5-11-3	J Railton
11	4-60	ROBCOURT HILL 89 J Edwards 6-11-3	N Williamson
12	00	ROYAL BOUNCER 11 T Houlbrooke 5-11-3	R Guest
13	1123	RUBIKA 11 (V,G,S) S Mellor 8-11-3	Mr D Gray
14	0	TUMBRIL 38 S Sherwood 6-11-3	M Richards
15	4FPP	COVA CAILE 25 T Bailey 7-10-12	D Tegg
16	P	MISS ISLAY 88 E Owen Jr 5-10-12	D Skyrme
17	66P4	LAWNSWOOD BOY 9 R Hollinshead 4-10-10	Gary Lyons (3)
18	0	PERMITTED'S GIRL 39 J Spearing 4-10-5	Miss T Spearing (7)

9-4 Rubika, 5-2 Arbor Vitae, 5-1 Avonburn, 10-1 Loftiness, 12-1 Jane Craig, 16-1 Babcock Boy, Perth Ball, 20-1 others.

2.30 CAYNHAM SELLING HURDLE (Div I: £1,871: 2m) (17)

1	09P4	JURIST 9 (D,F,S) O Brennan 7-11-12	S Ryan (7)
2	U325	PENLLYNE'S PRIDE 37 (B,D,F,G) R Juckes 10-11-12	A Juckes (5)
3	5223	THATS NICE 217 (B,D,F,G,S) C Popham 8-11-12	S Donohoe (5)
4	0/00	FRANK DALE 11 (V,G) G Jones 8-11-9	E Tierney (7)
5	555P	LORD PERGRINE 63 (F) F Jordan 7-11-9	J Lodder
6	6/42	NORTHERN GUNNER 9 (D,G) M Robinson 8-11-9	J White
7	6P06	BORRETO 28 C James 7-11-2	I Williams (7)
8	0/PP	FAY'S PET 9 B Stevens 6-11-2	M Stevens (7)
9	55-6	GOLFER'S SUNRISE 173 (CD,S) K White 6-11-2	D Bridgwater (5)
10	0P04	JUST A MEMORY 4 R Manning 5-11-2	C Maude (3)
11	F500	SEQUESTRATOR 63 P Evans 8-11-2	Martin Jones (3)
12	002-	STORMY PRAISE 7F W G M Turner 7-11-2	B Clifford (7)
13	P-6P	TORRANCE 18 Mrs J Wonnacott 7-11-2	C Dempsey (7)
14	0553	VICTORY WIND 9 T Morton 6-11-2	—
15	-P0P	WOODLANDS GREY 103 P Pritchard 5-11-2	S J O'Neill
16	03-0	LADY LAX 65 P Cowley 7-10-11	—
17	4444	ZEPHYR NIGHTS 36F Granville Richards 4-10-10	W McFarland

5-2 Thats Nice, 100-30 Penllyne's Pride, 9-2 Northern Gunner, 6-1 Jurist, 10-1 Golfer's Sunrise, 14-1 Lord Peregrine, 16-1 others.

3.0 H R ATTWOOD MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,631: 2m 4f) (10)

1	233F	FARMLEA BOY 5 (D,BF,F,G,S) G Balding 11-11-10	R Guest
2	2124	SPACIAL 15 (F,G,S) N Gaselee 7-11-9	A Adams
3	-411	ROYAL GREEK 14 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 9-11-5	P Scudamore
4	3P2P	HEADIN' ON 6 (D,F,G) K Bridgwater 11-11-5	C Llewellyn
5	F-PP	OUTLAW 38 (F,G,S) J Edwards 12-11-2	N Williamson
6	26UP	I LIKE IT A LOT 13 (CD,F,G) R Lee 8-10-9	C Maude (3)
7	14-3	CROWECOPPER 170 (C,D,F,G,S) B Preece 12-10-6	A Juckes (5)
8	/12-	GAMBLING ROYAL 505 (BF,G) C Roach 8-10-3	A Webb
9	F446	FARE LOVE 7 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Johnson 12-10-0	D Tegg
10	1P4P	JUST MICK 26 (C,F) Mrs H Dowson 10-10-0	B Dowling

13-8 Royal Greek, 100-30 Farmlea Boy, 4-1 Spacial, 7-1 Crowecopper, 10-1 Gambling Royal, 16-1 Headin' On, 20-1 others.

3.30 SARA HAMILTON-RUSSELL MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,900: 3m 1f) (18)

1	651P	SQUIRE JIM 8 (D,F) N Twiston-Davies 7-12-0	C Llewellyn
2	1P-3	NATHAN BLAKE 193 (B,C,BF,F) K Bailey 6-11-5	P Scudamore
3	-04F	CITY COMMENT 22 (G) J Edwards 7-10-13	N Williamson
4	414P	THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE 9 (D,G,S) A Jones 6-10-11	D Byrne
5	350-	ROWLANDSONS TROPHY 9F (S) M Channon 6-10-9	Lorna Vincent
6	-R5P	ARD T'MATCH 38 (B,G) S Sherwood 6-10-8	W Morris
7	-350	KUWAIT LEEL 14 (BF,S) F Jordan 9-10-5	J Lodder
8	0054	BOCA CHIMES 9 (G) D Gandolfo 6-10-1	W Irvine
9	23/P	ROYAL DUCHY 40 (S) C Roach 8-10-0	A Webb
10	2421	LONGGHURST 14 (G,S) B Forsey 8-10-0	I Shoemark (3)
11	5PU0	SHOTINGO 7 (G,S) W Sheedy 11-10-0	—
12	4/4-	ADAMS IMPRINT 515 (C,F) Mrs G Jones 8-10-0	R Garritty
13	0035	BICKERSTAFFE 9 (G,S) R Callow 10-10-0	E Tierney (7)
14	4204	TEWTRELL LAD 160 (F) J Bukovets 8-10-0	W Bird
15	P0P0	TANDERAGEE 8 (S) R Lee 10-10-0	W McFarland
16	6660	OLYMPUS REEF 7 P Davis 6-10-0	NON-RUNNER
17	4451	CROSSOFSPANCILHILL 9 (D,F) C Trietline 5-10-0 (4ex)	D Bridgwater
18	0030	FAR OUT 14 (S) T Bailey 5-10-0	D Tegg

9-2 Longghurst, 11-2 Crossofspancilhill, 7-1 Kuwait Leel, Tewtrell Lad, 12-1 City Comment, Squire Jim, 14-1 Nathan Blake, 16-1 others.

4.0 CAYNHAM SELLING HURDLE (Div II: £1,871: 2m) (16)

1	5368	BABY BOY 132 (D,S) B Forsey 10-11-12	W Irvine
2	/5-P	ALTRAFAN 13 (V,D,G) A Jones 8-11-9	S McNeill
3	3045	FORCELLO 11 (CD,G,S) D Burchell 8-11-9	D J Burchell
4	0000	JOHN FEATHER 25 (D,G,S) W Price 12-11-9	M Hoad
5	2100	YOUNG MUZZY 93 (CD,F) F Jordan 8-11-9	J Lodder
6	4100	TRACE OF IRONY 49 (D) Mrs A Knight 5-11-4	G Knight
7	65-P	BACHELOR'S PET 11 J Thomas 5-11-2	N Williamson
8	P/0P	BELLAGIO BILL 11 C Bridgett 6-11-2	Mr C Hancock (7)
9	0	BOULES 9 C Roach 5-11-2	A Webb
10	00	DRAG ARTIST 28 M Scudamore 6-11-2	D Tegg
11	2F38	SILVER STRINGS 9 B Palling 11-11-2	C Evans
12	0000	SUPER TUESDAY 41 J McConnochie 5-11-2	—
13	RP	GWENNI 41 R Williams 5-10-11	Mr S Shinton
14	3232	SANAWI 8 (CD,F) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-10	P Scudamore
15		FELLOWS DREAM 256F J Colston 4-10-5	J Bryan
16	F	LA RAPTOTTE 9F M Charles 4-10-5	D Bridgwater (5)

2-1 Sanawi, 100-30 Trace Of Irony, 4-1 Silver Strings, 8-1 Forcello, 10-1 La Raptotte, 14-1 Young Muzzy, 20-1 others.

4.30 CHASE MEREDITH MEMORIAL TROPHY HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,917: 3m) (9)

1	PPP/	AUSPICIOUSOCCASION 713 (F) C Lumsden 9-12-5	S P Andrews (7)
2	4-83	EASTERN CHANT 8 (D,F) Miss I Dady 9-12-5	C Stockton (7)
3	-F1F	SOME OBLIGATION 9 (D,BF,F,S) J Upson 6-12-5	D Costello (5)
4	2-51	WALK IN RHYTHM 9 (F,S) Mrs A Price 10-12-5	M Jackson (7)
5	20-2	WOLFIES DELIGHT 8 (D,G) C Sporborg 10-12-5	S Sporborg (7)
6	21U-	CUTE RYME 333 (CD,F) Mrs A Jones 10-12-0	P Jones (7)
7	2-UF	FIBREGUIDE TECH 29 Mrs T Kinsey 8-12-0	S Crank (7)
8	/F2-	HAWKSMOOR 320 (B) J Edwards 8-12-0	A Farrant (7)
9	3	SANDSTONE ARCH 23 P Rothery 8-12-0	C Barlow (7)

6-4 Some Obligation, 4-1 Walk In Rhythm, 6-1 Fibreguide Tech, Wolfies Delight, 8-1 Hawksmoor, 10-1 Eastern Chant, 16-1 others.

5.0 CAYNHAM SELLING HURDLE (Div III: £1,857: 2m) (16)

1	5-01	ALDINGTON BELL 9 (B,CD,F) C Trietline 8-11-12	R Bellamy (3)
2	000-	CHIROPODIST 377 (CD,F,S) P Cowley 7-11-12	D Skyrme
3	2841	DAMART 9 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 7-11-12	A J Quinn
4	2161	ULLSWATER 9 (D,F,S) F Jordan 5-11-12	J Lodder
5	3P-P	RIVER KINGDOM 103 (D,S) J Pearce 8-11-9	J McLaughlin
6	4UP0	SNOOKER TABLE 23 (D,F,G) K White 8-11-9	A Charlton
7	6/P0	MARIE BABY 68 (CD,S) G Roe 7-11-4	W Marston (7)
8	PFP-	ABBEY DREAM 417 B Preece 7-11-2	Judy Davies (7)
9	PP0P	MITNER 20 G Balding 8-11-2	R Guest
10	4/40	PARKERS JOY 138 (B) Miss S Wilton 7-11-2	S Davies (3)
11	4P00	RAJANPOUR 9F R Curtis 6-11-2	D Morris
12	0/RP	YECAERT 91 J Carden 9-11-2	T Pinfield (5)
13	1402	WEAREAGRANDMOTHER 19F (D,S) B McMahon 4-10-12	T Wall
14	24-0	GINA'S CHOICE 37 P Pritchard 5-10-11	S J O'Neill
15	0	TREVORS TREASURE 26 Mrs A Hewitt 5-10-11	J Railton
16	0PPP	TRUSS 9 A Leighton 4-10-10	C Smith

9-4 Aldington Bell, 11-4 Weareagrandmother, 7-2 Damart, 9-2 Ullswater, 10-1 Gina's Choice, 16-1 Rajanpour, 25-1 others.

5.30 BUTTERCROSS NOVICES CHASE (£2,604: 2m) (9)

1	3233	DISNEYLAND 149 (D,BF,F) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-9	M Pitman
2	1451	ROSS VENTURE 9 (D,G) J Edwards 6-11-9	Gary Lyons (3)
3	4001	WILL'S BOUNTY 9 (D,F) J Colston 8-11-9	J Bryan
4	2-04	CHAIN SHOT 26 K White 6-11-2	—
5	6665	KENTISH PIPER 9 (D,G) N Gaselee 6-11-2	A Adams
6	P-P0	THE HUCKLEBUCK 18 R Dickin 6-11-2	S Earle
7	0-0P	WACKERS MAGIC 25 R Hollinshead 7-11-2	Gary Lyons (3)
8	P005	WATERMEAD 14 D Nicholson 6-11-2	W Humphreys
9	P040	ALBERT PLACE 9 K Morgan 5-10-10	R Supple

7-4 Ross Venture, 100-30 Disneyland, 4-1 Kentish Piper, 8-1 Will's Bounty, 10-1 Chain Shot, 16-1 Watermead, 25-1 others.

6.0 LEVY BOARD MARES ONLY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,939: 2m) (18)

1		ANNE'S GLEN T Tate 5-11-6	W Fry (7)
2		BARONESS ORKZY W G M Turner 5-11-6	B Clifford (7)
3	0	FOXGROVE 110 Mrs C Middleton 5-11-6	Mr M Jackson (7)
4	0	MAGIC BLOOM 21 J Dooler 5-11-6	S Richardson (7)
5		MRS TEASDALE T Tate 5-11-6	Mr R Ford (7)
6		NUN SILLIER T Forster 5-11-6	Mr R Farrant (7)
7		RUBY RHEIMS Mrs F Walwyn 5-11-6	P Verling (3)
8	4	SALLY MAXWELL 37 H Whiting 5-11-6	D Lees (7)
9		BARNETT HILL C Smith 4-11-0	Mr R Davis (7)
10		CUSTARDORCREAM R Thompson 4-11-0	M Lease (7)
11	6	EDELWEISS 32 M Pipe 4-11-0	—
12	0	LADY KIP 33 G Oldroyd 4-11-0	B McGill (5)
13		LITTLE CLARE F Jordan 4-11-0	J Lodder
14	0	LOIS LANE 18 G Balding 4-11-0	A Le Jeune (7)
15		LOST IN SPACE K Morgan 4-11-0	F Murtagh (7)
16		MERRY MAGGIE O Brennan 4-11-0	Helen Brennan (7)
17		OH SO WINDY Mrs A King 4-11-0	Mr J Durkan
18		SEREN SANTA J Thomas 4-11-0	A David (7)

11-8 Edelweiss, 4-1 Little Clare, 5-1 Ruby Rheims, 8-1 Nun Sillier, 10-1 Mrs Teasdale, 16-1 Lois Lane, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs S Johnson, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; D Murray Smith, 10 from 34, 29.4%; M Pipe, 30 from 109, 27.5%; N Henderson, 9 from 33, 27.3%; Mrs J Pitman, 7 from 27, 25.9%; Mrs J Wonnacott, 3 from 12, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: Richard Guest, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; P Scudamore, 25 from 118, 21.2%; J Lodder, 6 from 37, 16.2%; J White, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Railton, 4 from 30, 13.3%; D Tegg, 7 from 56, 12.5%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Pontefract

Going: good to soft

2.45 (1m 4f) 1, DEB'S BALL (J Quinn, 12-1); 2, Tricotric (N Kennedy, 2-1 fav); 3, Guest Right (J Lowe, 14-1); 4, Thimbalina (O Pears, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Fitcham (5th), 8 Dale Park, 9 Pondered Bid, 12 Camden Knight, 14 Famous Beauty, Royal Mazi, 16 Moon Reef, 20 Washita, Hundred Islands (6th), 25 Vairagya, 33 Double Strand, 40 Morning Joy, 50 Baron Corvo. 17 ran. NR: Salina. 1½l, hd, 1l, 5l, 2l. D Moffatt at Cartmel. Tote: £26.50; £5.20, £1.40, £3.30, £1.90. DF: £43.60. CSF: £37.83. Tricast: £349.85. No official times.

3.15 (6f) 1, TREAD LIKA PRINCE (R P Elliott, 20-1); 2, Miss Knight (Dean McKeown, 14-1); 3, Count Me Out (W Carson, 16-1); 4, Magic Potion (S Cauthen, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Ballad Dancer, 11-2 The Devil's Music, 8 Mr Smiley, Hinari Hi Fi, 10 Darting Moth, 12 Our Fan (6th), 14 Rushanes (5th), Scotch Imp, Cream And Green, 16 Glen Maddie, 20 Colin Seller, Dorsey, Another March, 33 The Spot. 18 ran. 3l, 1½l, 1½l, ½l, 2l. Ronald Thompson at Doncaster. Tote: £32.30; £3.90, £2.90, £3.60, £2.10. DF: £361.50. CSF: £304.85. Tricast: £4,189.25. Bought in 3,500gns.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, HATEEL (W Carson, 6-5 fav: Mandarin's & Michael Seely's nap & Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Rudjig (S Cauthen, 13-2); 3, Eton Lad (B Raymond, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Two Left Feet (5th), 11 Makbul, 14 Jenol (6th), Air Music (4th), 33 The Liquidiser. 8 ran. NR: Argaldos. 4l, 1½l, 2l, ½l, 12l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.00, £2.80. DF: £5.80. CSF: £6.65.

4.15 (5f) 1, CORALS DREAM (K Fallon, 4-1); 2, Castlerea Lad (W Carson, 11-1); 3, Fair Crack (B Raymond, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Noseem (5th), 4 General Alcazar, 17-2 Try To Be Good (6th), 11 Never Late (4th), 14 Under Protest, 33 Siberian King. 9 ran. Nk, 1l, 4l, hd, hd. J J O'Neill at Penrith. Tote: £8.00; £2.40, £3.10, £1.20. DF: £52.60. CSF: £44.50.

4.45 (1m) 1, PERFAY (S Cauthen, 9-4); 2, Crossillion (G Carter, 7-4 fav); 3, No Sid No Stars (W R Swinburn, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Pharly Story (4th), 16 Talent (5th), 25 Fenlight, 33 Nice Dice, 40 Chiefs Babu (6th), Nelson's Lass, 50 Avro Anson, 66 Oakhurst. 11 ran. 1½l, 1l, 15l, 2½l, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.30, £2.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.20.

5.15 (1m) 1, BESCABY BOY (M Birch, 7-1); 2, Doulab's Image (S D Williams, 14-1); 3, Classic Suite (D Nicholls, 20-1); 4, Mofador (R Lappin, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Golden Ancona, 6 Miss Sarajane (6th), Stay Awake, Revero, 10 Honey Boy Simba (5th), Cool Enough, Pimsboy, 14 Hickory Wind, Evening Star, 16 My Concordia, 20 Young George, Question Of Degree, Mexican Vision, 25 Golden Torque, Golden Della, Gant Bleu, Sandmoor Denim, 40 Ayodessa. 22 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, 3l, 2½l, 7l. J Wharton at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £7.90; £1.70, £8.80, £7.40, £3.90. DF: £145.50. CSF: £112.56. Tricast: £1,808.78.

Placepot: £148.00.

Blinkered first time

RIPON: 2.45 Sharon's Rabbit, La Buca, Legend Of Scotland. 3.15 Just My Bill.

Evry rides

LANFRANCO Dettori and Lester Piggott are in action at Evry today. Dettori rides Joyeuse Marquise for Bernard Secly in the listed Prix Finlande, while Piggott partners the unraced Metal Storm for Andre Fabre in the Prix de Montaigu.

Charlie Brooks runs Bokaro in Saturday's Corsa Siepi di Milano, a two-and-a-half mile hurdle, at San Siro. Graham Bradley rides.

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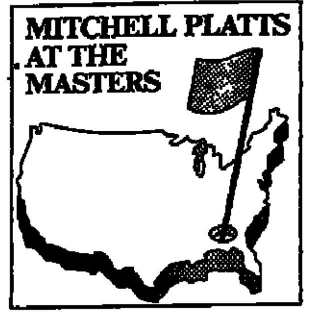
Strange finds his way back after brush with history


MITCHELL PLATTS AT THE MASTERS

Augusta

CURTIS Strange is well aware of what it is to be in Nick Faldo's shoes. Ten months ago, he tried to win the US Open for a third successive year. He was the first to attempt a third victory in a row in a major championship since Tom Watson's abortive attempt at the Open Championship at St Andrews in 1984.

Strange failed. He admits that he felt the pressure. "That I understand," he said. "It is my Open championship and three in a row was news. It hadn't been done since 1905. Everybody wanted to talk about it and you just don't have time for everybody."

Walter Hagen won the US PGA Championship four times in succession. That apart, Willie Anderson (US Open, 1903-05) and Peter Thomson (Open Championship, 1954-56) are the only other players this century to win three major championships in a row.

The prospect of making history consumed Strange. He dedicated the first five months of the year to winning the US Open. With one round remaining, he was two shots behind. Then came the let-down. He perished with a 75 and finished joint 21st, and when it was over, his world collapsed. For the first time since 1983, he failed to win a US Tour event. He finished 53rd in the United States money list, his lowest finish since 1978, and he lost his hunger for playing.

"I got frustrated and tired," he said. "I had a big build-up, then a big let-down. The let-down hung around longer than normal. I got frustrated. I got tired."

Strange says if he had it all to do again, it would be different. He responded to every request for an interview. He knew his task was the talk of the nation, so he felt obliged to cater to the needs of others. "But I should have done things to keep me from thinking and talking and tasting it every minute of every day," he said.

To refresh his mind and rest his swing, Strange took six weeks off in the winter. He is striding the fairways once more with a spring in his step which suggests he will soon be winning again. Perhaps, this week: It is the tournament he wants, if only because he believes Augusta National owes him a green jacket.

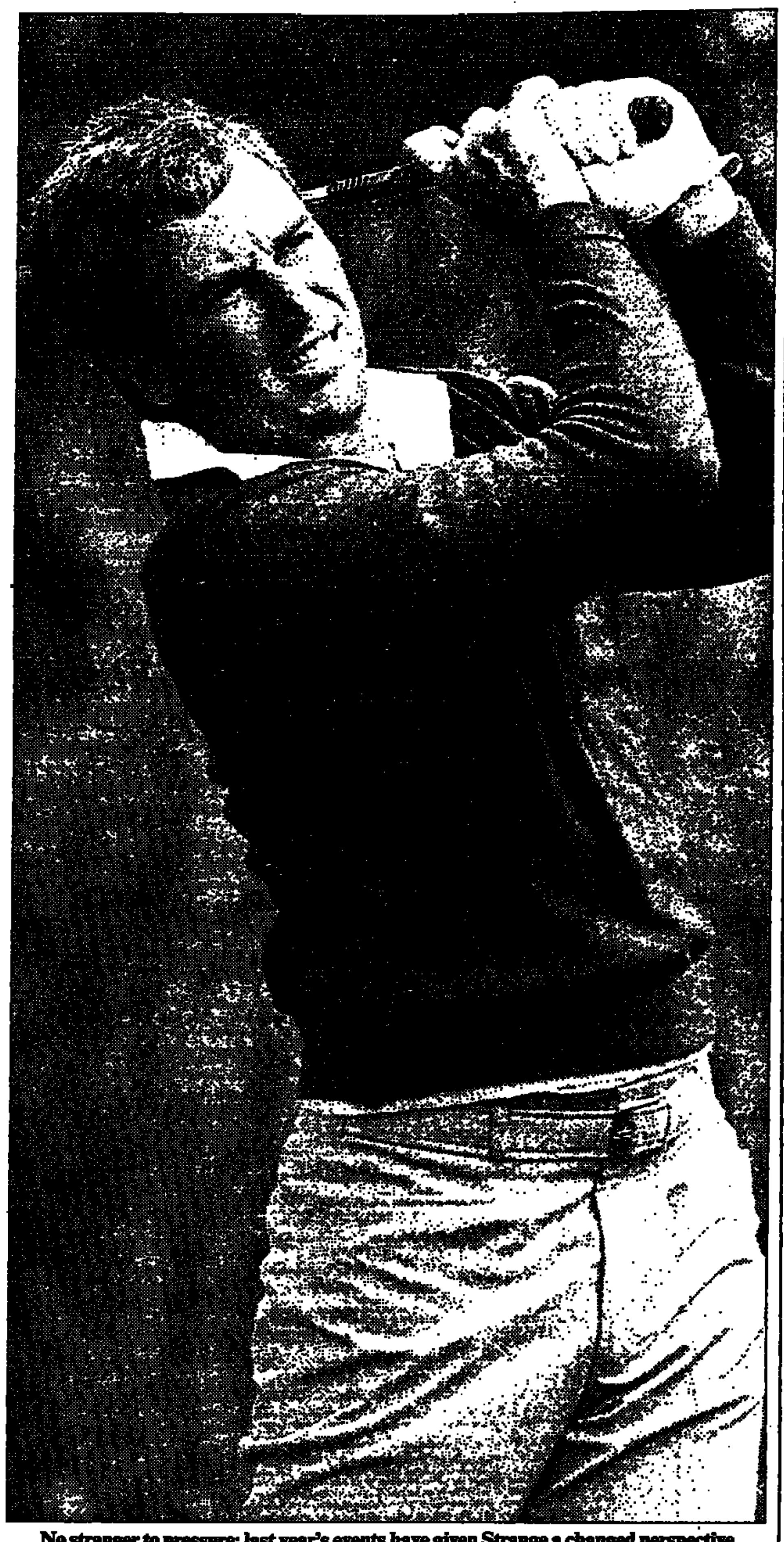
In 1985, he launched the most astonishing recovery in the tournament has seen. Strange took 80 in the first round and asked to bring forward his airline booking. He should have saved the 25 cents. He was still there on Sunday morning, following rounds of 65 and 68, and he was leading the field by three strokes.

Strange's hopes, however, drowned in the water at the 13th and 15th holes. Since then, he has broken 70 only once in 20 rounds. "I feel I should have won the tournament, so to have allowed a chance to slip away hurts," he said.

He is playing well this season. Two second-place finishes have contributed to prize-money of $314,206, which is more than he won all last season.

He insists that he is no longer consumed by the game and that he has learned to relax. He is , however, much like Faldo on the fairways. Strange has that innate ability to concentrate. He has assembled a swing for Sunday afternoons when traditionally the pressure mounts. He is also dedicated to winning major championships.

Strange believes Faldo has the course on his side. He makes the valid point that the other major championships rotate from course to course. "He knows what to expect at Augusta," he said. "You would expect Nick to be in contention late in the tournament."


No stranger to pressure: last year's events have given Strange a changed perspective

Sponsors pull out of women's tour

THE European women's tour has lost two more events through lack of sponsorship. They are the Players' Championship, which was scheduled for September 5 to 8, and the Japan Festival Cup, which was to have been played at The Belfry from October 4 to 6 for prize-money of £100,000.

Another event, the Swiss Classic, has also gone but that has been replaced by the Spanish Classic at La Manga. Officials had previously announced the cancellation of the Variety Club Celebrity Classic and French Open.

There will still be more than £1.5 million in prize-money available this season, but Joe Flanagan, the tour's executive director, said that the loss of two events was "a bitter blow" to hopes of building up the tournament schedule in Britain to compete with the flourishing interest on the Continent."

The women's circuit begins next week with the £80,000 Valextra Classic in Rome.

☐ The Dunhill British Masters and the French Open have been added to the list of official qualifying events for the Johnnie Walker world championship in Jamaica in December. Nick Faldo is among those who have already qualified.

☐ Vandals have damaged two greens at St Mellion where the Benson and Hedges international tournament starts on April 18.

RUGBY UNION

A four-year p to keep gam in the public

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPON

THE commercial advisers to the 1991 Rugby World Cup organisation, expressing confidence in attaining income worth at least £20 million for the tournament, are optimistic that a rolling programme will be put in place to keep rugby union in the public eye over the next four years.

Alan Callan, the managing director of CPMA, whose contract with Rugby World Cup Ltd will take the marketing company up to the 1995 tournament, will recommend a series of international events incorporating the inaugural world sevens in Scotland in 1993 and the student world cup — due to be played in Italy next year — and the possibility of an international event for schools.

A fourth major sponsorship package for the 1991 World Cup, involving a brewery, will be announced on Friday. "Despite the recession, despite the Gulf War, despite all the difficulties, we will make what we expected to achieve," Callan said. "We have held together what has been the most complex marketing issue on the planet."

CPMA has been the butt of much criticism, largely the result of an inflated target figure anticipated in 1989 and subsequent delays in the announcement of tournament sponsors. Callan, in countering such criticism, points out the absence of any commercial legacy from the inaugural tournament in 1987, though he stressed yesterday the playing legacy handed down from that event.

"In those terms it was a magnificent vehicle," he said. "The money that is raised this year as a result will help keep the game alive around the world. There is no question of the players involved benefiting;

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By DAVID HANDS

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU), accustomed to selling out Twickenham on a regular basis, faces the possibility this season of seeing the county final equal — if not outsell — the Pilkington Cup final. Enthusiasm for Cornwall's encounter with Yorkshire in the ADT final on April 20 has already assured an attendance of more than 50,000, nearly twice the record for the event.

It is early days for the sale of tickets for the Pilkington Cup final between Harlequins and Northampton — the semi-finals were played only last weekend — but any club final which does not involve one of the three big West Country clubs or Leicester remains, at this stage, an unknown quantity.

Richard Ankerson, the RFU tickets manager, said yesterday: "We have already sold 50,000-plus tickets for the county final out of a current capacity of 57,300." The previous best attendance was 27,000 two years ago, when Cornwall were also involved, though on that occasion they lost to Durham.

Ankerson urges supporters to make sure of their tickets now in case none are available on match day.

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NETBALL

Outsiders squeeze through

By LOUISE TAYLOR

A LITTLE more than a year ago Humberside was a modest side in the unglamorous northern regional division of the English Counties League, but they will start next season in its top flight.

Twelve months after arriving in the second division, Humberside secured promotion to the first, courtesy of a goal average which was superior to that of Hertfordshire by a margin of only 0.1.

Humberside can thank last Saturday's surprise 49-48 success at hitherto undefeated Hampshire North, the second division champions, for the second place which guarantees their elevation.

Hertfordshire were aggrieved because Hampshire North were without Tracey Horton, their goalkeeper, who is playing for England in New Zealand.

The two sides to exchange places with them are South Yorkshire and Kent, who both lose first division status a year after winning promotion.

While South Yorkshire failed to win a match all season, Kent were condemned at the last minute when Cheshire gained a point at Middlesex on Saturday.

Warwickshire are demoted from the second division, while Gloucestershire, who finished in penultimate position, must pay the penalty of involving themselves in promotion play-offs against the winners of the four regional divisions.

The play-offs for that coveted second division place will take place in Derby on May 4, and will also involve Lancashire, Mid Hampshire, Derbyshire and Worcestershire.

England, who are ranked fourth in the world, face New Zealand, the champions, in the first international of the Milo series in Auckland today bolstered by a 71-43 against The Bay of Plenty in Rotorua last Saturday.

CRICKET

MCC to be presented with innovative double-sided bat

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE revolutionary double-sided cricket bat, which provoked a storm of controversy when it was was launched last month, may be on the verge of being accepted by the MCC. The game's governing body has accepted that the bat does not break any of its laws, and has asked the company marketing the new design if it can shown an example.

The Classic Bat Company, of Bristol, plans to present one to the MCC when it meets in June. It is already confident, however, that the bat will be approved by the MCC after an approach from Lt Col John Stephenson, the secretary of MCC.

In a letter to the company, Stephenson wrote: "I do appreciate that your double-face bat complies with the laws of cricket. I would appreciate it if you could let the MCC cricket sub-committee have sight of one of your bats simply so that MCC, as custodians of the laws of cricket, have a chance to see what is being produced."

The firm's spokesman, John Courtenay, warmly welcomed the MCC's letter. "It's very encouraging: this does look like the removal of objections from Lords," he said.

"We will of course let the MCC see a bat, but the tone of the letter suggests that we're all right. It's as if the club is saying 'We just want to see what it looks like'. They've even accepted that it complies with the laws of cricket."

The introduction of the innovative two-faced bat has revived memories of the aluminium bat promoted by Dennis Lillee, the Australian fast bowler, ten years ago, which Lillee brought to the wicket during a Test match with England at Perth.

That bat was illegal, but the company manufacturing the latest design, John Newbery Ltd, has always insisted that its bat obeys the laws since it is made of wood, is no longer than 38in and no wider than 4½in.

Courtenay said yesterday he intends to present the MCC with a bat when it meets on June 27.

Confidence of youth

AAQIB Javed, Hampshire's new overseas player, the 18-year-old Pakistan fast bowler, is looking forward to his debut against Oxford University in the Parks on Saturday.

Aaqib, who made his first-class debut when he was 16, said yesterday: "I think English conditions will suit me. Taking over from Malcolm Marshall is a big responsibility but I have played in front of some big crowds so I know what it's like to be under pressure."

Surrey, will play two one-day matches against Sussex this week. They visit Hove tomorrow with the return game at the Oval on Friday.

BADMINTON

Hall may find his mentor in the way

By RICHARD EATON

DARREN Hall, who has paid substantial sums for coaching from the great Morten Frost may find the same man barring his way in Copenhagen next month. With as perverse a piece of fortune as could be imagined, the English national champion, who had wanted assistance for a world championship medal challenge, has a draw in which the former All England champion may well be denying him a place in the last 16.

Hall is seeded in the nine to 16 category and if the hierarchy is right, the London-based Frost will deny his friend and sparring partner a quarter-final place. "If we play," Hall said, "I have to stop it turning into a practice routine because he knows my game inside out."

Frost is 33 and his peak performances appear less often. But he should be trying especially hard to scale the heights on this occasion because it may well be his last world championship and he has a memory to erase. The last time the worlds were held in Copenhagen, eight years ago, the Dane was top seed but failed to win the title the whole of Denmark was wanting.

On that occasion Helen Troke won a bronze, the only world singles medal yet achieved by an English player. Now seeded in the five to eight category, her place in the last 16 is threatened by another local hero, Camilla Martin, the rapidly improving teenager.

Also seeded in the five to eight category is Gill Clark, whose increasing hopes of a world championship medal with her new partner, Nettie Nielsen, have been delivered two blows. The Anglo-Danish partnership had hoped, after winning the Swedish and Finnish Opens and reaching the All England semi-finals, to be seeded higher. Instead they have been landed with a probable quarter-final with the top seeded Koreans, Hwang Hye-Young and Chung So-Young.

☐ Yorkshire and Surrey meet in the Royal Bank of Scotland inter county championship final at Barnsley on April 21 after recording big wins, both by 14-3, in the semi-finals at the weekend.

Neath ring chan after semi-final l

NEATH have the chance to bounce back from the disappointment of losing their grip on the Schweppes Cup last weekend by securing the Heineken League premier division title at Newbridge tomorrow night.

The league leaders have made six changes from the side beaten 22-10 by Llanelli in the cup semi-final on Sunday and have four internationals on the replacements' bench. With a six-point lead and a game in hand over Bridgend, Neath need just one point to become the first winners of the premier division title.

The Wales tour captain, Paul Thorburn, misses his second league game, with a calf strain, while the club captain and hooker, Kevin Phillips, is on the bench, missing a clash with his Welsh understudy, Ken Waters.

☐ London Irish meet a combined Oxford and Cambridge XV at Sunbury tomorrow to raise money for third world charities. The University sides include the captains this season, Mark Egan, of Oxford, and Simon Holmes, Cambridge, and their respective successors, Andy Everitt and Adrian Davies.

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Crew fasts for computer heavyweight

By BARRY PICKTHALL

FLIGHT Lt John Best, the skipper of the RAF's latest racing yacht, Wings of Oracle, which won its first regatta off La Trinité, France, last weekend, calls him his weapons operator. For Andrew Holdsworth, however, the chance to desert a desk-bound computer and spend the summer racing one of Britain's leading Admiral's Cup yachts is a dream ticket.

Holdsworth, who won the Enterprise national and world dinghy titles with Ian Pennell in 1985, is one of three civilians on the yacht, and his computer skills are proving so important that the rest of this 12-man crew have shed several stone between them to bring him on board and still meet the maximum crew weight limit.

"We have given up eating bread, steaks and drinking to have him on board, but he is proving a valuable extra pair of hands," Best said. There was a time when successful yachtsmen sailed by the seat of their pants and merely had a good nose for the wind.

Today, it helps to have a degree in computer studies and work for a company so committed to helping Britain retain ocean racing's equivalent of a world championship, that it is prepared to donate the services of an employee for six months. Holdsworth is employed by Oracle, the High Wycombe-based software company which has come up with the £600,000 necessary to float the RAF challenge for the Champagne Mumm sponsored Admiral's Cup series at Cowes this August.

Sailing with a waterproof laptop on his knees, Holdsworth is extending the frontiers of computerised sailing technology each time they go sailing. "He is advancing the game so much that others are queueing up to buy the programmes once this campaign is over," Best said.

The Deckman portable computer was first developed by Graham Wynn for the Peter de Savary Blue Arrow America's Cup challenge and can be seen in service aboard most leading racing yachts and is linked directly to the on-board wind, speed, and satellite navigation instruments.

Holdsworth's achievement has been to reduce the "fudge factor" to such a level he can tell his skipper which sails to set, the yacht's optimum performance down to the nearest 0.01 knot in any given conditions, and pinpoint Oracle's exact position. "He tells us exactly how much current is running under the keel," Best said.

Proving the point recently the crew judged they should tack for a distant mark. "No, no," Holdsworth advised. "We have 20 metres to the lay line." He was spot on.

Consulting the Oracle: Holdsworth, far right, sets a computer course for, from left, Ken Harper, Flt Lt Best and John Williams

Best given promo

RICHARD Best, the London and England B coach, was named yesterday as joint coach with Roger Uttley to the England tour party which will visit Australia and Fiji in July. Since Uttley is due to retire after the World Cup in the autumn, the appointment confirms Best's place in the likely line of succession (David Hands writes).

Best, who played for Harlequins in all positions in the scrum and who is still involved with the organisation of the club's coaching, will work under the overall aegis of Geoff Cooke, the tour manager, who also assists in the preparation of the back division.

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Gascoigne's fitness for FA Cup will be tested by Norwich

By Louise Taylor

AUL Gascoigne is poised to turn to the Tottenham otspur midfield at Norwich ty tonight, when the ondoners play their last first vision match before meetg Arsenal in an FA Cup mi-final at Wembley on mday.

Terry Venables, the Tottenm manager, said yesterday: expect Paul will play from e start. He could come on at alf-time, but if he plays from e beginning he can find the ace of the game. He has done ery well in training over the st week. His determination as been second to none and I tink he has a very good hance of playing on Sunday.

"There is no fear of any amage after his stomach peration. We would not play im if there was; it is a great ift for everyone."

Dave Stringer, the Norwich nanager, is pleased that Gasoigne will appear against his eam, which has won only one of its last nine matches. "Obviously Tottenham will be keen to get Gascoigne back to match fitness in time for the semi-final, and we badly need something to get us going, and boost our confidence after some disappointing results," he said.

"Gascoigne in the Tottenham team will add a little spice to the game." David Howells also returns for Tottenham after injury.

Norwich persist with Lee Power, their teenage forward, alongside Robert Fleck in attack, while Ian Crook could return to the midfield against his former club at the expense of Jeremy Goss.

Peter Shilton is struggling for fitness for what could be his farewell to Nottingham Forest's City Ground, the scene of some of the greatest truimphs of the Derby County goalkeeper's career.

Shilton, aged 41, who played for Forest for five seasons in the late 1970s and early 1980s, injured an arm in training and faces a late fitness test before tonight's East Midlands derby.

Martin Taylor stands by to deputise, but Arthur Cox, the Derby manager, said yesterday: "Knowing Peter and how much this game means to him, it will take something serious to keep him away from the City Ground."

One medal Shilton failed to collect with Forest was an FA Cup winners' medal, which is the prize that his former club — who face West Ham United, in Sunday's other semi-final — is now pursuing. Brian Clough, the Forest manager who led Derby to the championship during the 1970s, hopes to have Jemson and Crosby back in his side, but Hodge is still short of fitness.

Derby, who are bottom of the table and without a win since December 1, are likely to recall McMinn in place of Pickering.

Trevor Morley, West Ham United's leading scorer, is expected to return for the second division leaders, who aim to increase their league advantage at Brighton, who are competing for a play-off place.

Morley has proved his fitness in reserve games after being stabbed in a domestic incident in early March, and is intent on securing an FA Cup semi-final place.

Ray Stewart, whose career was placed in jeopardy by a knee ligament injury, is also included in the West Ham squad for the first time in over two years because Tony Gale has a calf strain. Gale, nevertheless, hopes to be fit for Villa Park on Sunday.

Brighton replace Robinson, with Barham, who is fit again after a ten-match absence, while Mike Small, the leading scorer, is expected to start as a substitute.

Oldham Athletic are expected to have Ian Marshall back in their attack for the visit to Leicester City. He has missed 11 matches with a knee injury.

Millwall continue their pursuit of an automatic promotion place at home to Charlton Athletic, who hope to establish a club record of eight undefeated away matches.

Sheffield Wednesday, who will be anxiously awaiting the result from Millwall, can put further distance between themselves and Bruce Rioch's team by beating Blackburn Rovers at Hillsborough.

Hodge in doubt for semi-final

By Chris Moore

TEVE HODGE, the Nottingm Forest and England midld player, looks certain to s the FA Cup semi-final with st Ham at Villa Park on day.

odge has been absent from st's last nine games because knee injury and last night ian Clough, the Forest manger, admitted: "I haven't a clue when he is going to be fit."

Gary Crosby and Nigel emson have both missed Forst's last three matches but could return in tonight's first livision derby with Derby County at the City Ground.

"The main thing on my mind it the moment is picking a team, and the right one, to play Derby," Clough said. "Our relts have been so bad we annot afford to look further ead than the next game."

BSkyB Sport Channel's ve on to Astra, originally ed for April 8, has been ed pending the completion ests on the satellite. If essful, transmission of the s channel to Sky dish ers will begin on April 22.

e delay was caused initially delay in launching the d Astra satellite. "The al launch didn't go ahead edule, and that has put ole thing back," a Sky an said yesterday, "but ical tests are going to plan."

Dalglish has agreed to testimonial match for ward, manager for 20 the HFS Loans League arine, at the Crosby College Road ground on 29. Howard cleans sh's windows at his Southome.

Shared ambition drives Marseilles

By Louise Taylor

ALTHOUGH Marseilles and Spartak Moscow will offer a fascinating contrast when they meet in the semi-finals of the European Cup tonight, they will be united by a common desire to claim a first for their respective countries. Despite the consistent emergence of outstanding club sides in both France and the Soviet Union, neither has produced a winner of the European Cup.

Whereas Spartak are a young side, bereft of household names, emerging from the shadow of the better-known Dynamo Kiev, Marseilles boast an expensively-assembled collection of internationals.

Even without Carlos Mozer, their Brazilian international sweeper, and Bernard Pardo, in the midfield, Marseilles will field a formidable team in the first leg in Moscow, including Chris Waddle, the England winger, Papin, the high-scoring captain of the French national side, Germain, Casoni, and Tigana, all of whom have been injured but are fit to play.

The pedigrees of each team, however, are similar. Spartak have ended the European ambitions of the highly-fancied Real Madrid and Naples this season, while Marseilles ended the two-year reign of the cup-holders, AC Milan.

In the other European Cup semi-final first leg, Bayern Munich are at home to Red Star Belgrade. The Yugoslavs, who beat Dynamo Dresden, the champions of former East Germany, in the quarter-finals, are likely to depend on Prosinecki, their midfield playmaker, for inspiration, and on Binić and the prolific Pancev for goals. Bayern hope to have Kohler, the World Cup-winning defender, back after injury.

Barcelona continue their quest for success on three fronts when they meet Juventus in a European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final first leg tonight. Four points clear at the head of their domestic league, and still in the Spainish cup, Barcelona aim to round off the season by hoisting the Cup Winners' Cup for the fourth time. Juventus, who have won the competition once before, have different ideas, and tonight's match is expected to attract more than 100,000 supporters to Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium.

Michael Landrup, the Danish international forward who spent several seasons with Juventus before joining Barcelona, said: "Juventus have tremendous tradition and great players, but we have the better overall squad." Johan Cruyff, the Barcelona coach who is recovering from heart surgery, met his players for a team talk on Monday, but Carlos Rexach his deputy takes charge for the game itself.

Gigi Maifredi, the Juventus coach, is expected to leave Schillaci, the Italian international who was the leading scorer in the last World Cup finals, among the substitutes because the forward has been out of sorts of late.

The return to fitness of Brehme, the German international defender, has bolstered Internazionale's hopes of Uefa Cup first leg semi-final success in front of around 90,000 Portuguese at Sporting Lisbon. Brondby, the first Danish club to reach the Uefa Cup semi-finals, aim to outwit the Italians of AS Roma in tonight's other first leg in Denmark.

Irish eyes frown on McFaul

By George Ace

I McFaul, who spent nearly ears at St James' Park as a er, coach and manager, may e experienced a few nightes with Newcastle United. since his return to his native thern Ireland, McFaul, who six international caps in , has plumbed the depths of ball management in his first on at Coleraine.

n Easter Monday, Coleraine beaten 2-0 at home by ield in a Smirnoff Irish gue match — their 21st league feat of the season in 26 games, f which they have won one and drawn four.

McFaul has two records to his redit. While at Newcastle, he roke the English domestic transfer record when Peter Beardsley joined Liverpool for £1.9 million in the summer of 1987. In his first season with Coleraine, he set a new record in the Irish league when he transferred Raymond McCoy to Glenavon for £32,500.

There was a time when a 2-0 defeat by Linfield would have gone down as a fair effort. But without a domestic trophy this season for the first time in 15 years, and out of Europe for the second season in succession, the Windsor Park club are not exactly setting the woods on fire since the resignation of Roy Coyle, their manager, towards the end of last season.

☐ Chris McMenemy, the son of Lawrie McMenemy, has been confirmed as manager of fourth division Chesterfield and given a two-year contract. McMenemy, aged 29, took over with the title of chief coach when Paul Hart was dismissed in January.

☐ John Beck has made sweeping changes to his management team at Cambridge United. The assistant manager, Gary Johnson, and youth team chief, Graham Scarff, have lost their jobs and been switched to other positions following Beck's appointment of a new number two. He is Gary Peters, the 36-year-old former Fulham, Wimbledon and Reading player.

YACHTING

Jeantot holds claim to third place

HE French solo yachtsman, lain Gautier, seemingly holds e whip hand on the last stage the BOC single-handed round e world race, so the attention s turned to the contest for ird place overall between Phiipe Jeantot and Mike Plant arry Pickthall writes).

Jeantot was in fourth place en the fleet left Uruguay and iled Plant by more than four urs. However, the Frenchman now 216 miles ahead and has ned that deficit into a proional lead of 17 hours as they se to within 3,500 miles of finish.

Of the two British competitors, Josh Hall has slipped back to third place in Class 2 overnight but Robin Davie recovered first place among the Corinthians, taking a 70-mile advantage over Paul Thackaberry, of the United States.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 9:50 GMT yesterday with miles to Newport, Rhode Island). Class 1: General Concorde (A Gautier, Fr) 3,515miles; 2, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr) 3,520; 2, ; 3, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr) 3,808; 4 equal, Duracell (M Plant, US)and Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr) 3,822; 6, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun) 3,833; 7, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus) 3,841; 8, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus) 3,851; 9, Grinaker (B Reed, SA) 3,885; 10, BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp) 3,870. Class 2: 1, Servant IV (Y Dupasquier, Fr) 3,898; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus) 3,948; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB) 3,973; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US) 4,013; 5, Sebago (R Roth, US) 4,587. Corinthian class: 1, Global Exposure (R Davie, GB) 4,241; 2, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US) 4,331; 3, Shutendohji (M Saito (Japan) 4,351.

Free show

Spectators will not have to pay to watch the two-day cricket match between Yorkshire and Durham next Wednesday and Thursday at the North Marine Road Ground, Scarborough.

Carry on Cash: a backhand return from the Australian as he beats Tsuchihashi, of Japan, 6-2, 7-5 in Tokyo

Connors to compete in forties

From Barry Wood
in Tokyo

JIMMY Connors, his enthusiasm for competition undiminished after a lengthy break because of injury, is certain that he will continue playing competitive tennis into his forties.

He has also expressed a desire to compete at the French Open and Wimbledon, although his commitments as a commentator for theNBC network in the United States might frustrate that ambition.

"I'm having a good time playing, and the more I play the better I feel," the 39-year-old American said after defeating Jim Pugh 1-6, 6-4, 6-0 at the Suntory Japan Open.

"I didn't really know how much I appreciated the game until it was taken away from me. Now I'd like to get to a certain level and get on a roll. Stamina isn't a problem. I know I can last out there. I'm not setting a goal for myself this year, it wouldn't be fair, but I'll set a goal next year when the time comes."

Four seeded players were eliminated in the first round on the hard courts of the Ariake Colosseum. Patrick Kuhnen, of Germany, beat the ninth-seeded Aaron Krickstein, of the United States, 6-2, 7-5; David Pate, of the United States, defeated Todd Woodbridge, the Australian twelfth seed, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3; Dan Goldie, of the US, beat the thirteenth-seeded Jan Siemerink, of The Netherlands, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; and Shuzo Matsuoka, of Japan, defeated the sixteenth-seeded Kevin Curren, of the US, 7-6, 6-2.

The top-seeded Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, the second-seeded Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, and the third-seeded Jim Courier, of the US, had first-round byes.

In the women's first round, the top-seeded Amy Frazier, of the US, beat Petra Kamstra, of The Netherlands, 6-0, 6-3; the second-seeded Sabine Appelmans, of Belgium, defeated a qualifier, Masako Yanagi, of Japan, 6-3, 6-2, and Miriam Oremans, of The Netherlands, upset the third-seeded Naoko Sawamatsu, of Japan, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker given a timely boost

From Jenny MacArthur
in Gothenburg

JOHN Whitaker's horse, Henderson Milton, is jumping better than ever. The holder of the Volvo World Cup, said last night that Henderson Milton had had the best possible preparation for the defence of the title and at 13, he is jumping "as well if not better than ever".

His confidence, which comes after being placed at all three of his World Cup qualifying rounds this season, is timely. This year's final — the 13th running of what has become known as the toughest show jumping competition outside the Olympics — has a significantly stronger field than in Dortmund last year when Whitaker became only the second European to win the Cup.

Much of that opposition is centred on the European riders — in contrast to former years when the competition has been dominated by North Americans.

Chief among the European contenders are the Germans, Franke Sl[illegible]aak, and Walzerkoenig, an[illegible] three riders at the head of [illegible] European League, the Fren[illegible], Roger-Yves Bost, and the [illegible]o on-form Dutch riders, Jos L[illegible]ink and Jan Tops. Whitaker [illegible]es out Germany's Calgary G[illegible] Prix winner, Otto Becke[illegible]on Pamina, as a potential riv[illegible].

The other four Britons in the final are Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, with Henderson Monsanta, Nick Skelton, with Alan Paul Grand Slam, Joe Turi, with Vital and the American-based Tim Grubb.

Of these, the younger Whitaker has the most realistic chance — providing the erratic Monsanta finds his best form. Turi is keeping his present best horse, Waysider, for the outdoor circuit and is riding his Hickstead Derby winner, Vital. Skelton's Grand Slam has the necessary scope for the three part final but has yet to find his best form.

The 16 North American riders lack an obvious superstar this year but have two on-form partnerships in Debbie Dolan, with VIP, and Chris Kappler, with Concorde.

The competition starts today with three warm up classes. The first leg of the World Cup, a speed competition, is tomorrow evening followed by a jump-off competition on Friday and a two round Grand Prix on Sunday afternoon.

Traditionally, the rider must finish in the top eight tomorrow to have a chance of winning the Cup. Whitaker, who won the first leg last year, considers it the most difficult of the three legs for Milton, who is best suited to a big Grand Prix course of the kind he hopes to encounter on Sunday.

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SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Pioneering course goes well

By Jane Wyatt

FURTHER progress towards integration for table tennis players was initiated at a unique coaching course held at Preston. For the first time, trainee coaches with disabilities were included on a course for the assistant coach award run by the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA)

It was the result of a joint initiative between the ETTA and the British Sports Association for the Disabled (BSAD), aimed at giving able-bodied and disabled coaches the same opportunities.

Previously, the emphasis has been on disability awareness training for able-bodied coaches, rather than encouraging people with disabilities to improve their expertise and potential.

Although disabled coaches may have a better initial understanding of the problems faced by handicapped players, the intention is that they should also be qualified to coach the able-bodied, thus promoting closer ties at club level.

A physiotherapist outlined the different warm-up routines and the physiological needs of players with disabilities and the instructors included the English team coach, Don Parker, the former European champion, Jill Hammersley-Parker and a senior ETTA coach, Dave Hewitt.

The involvement of such senior figures in the sport was very encouraging for the course co-ordinator, Rosemary Leach of the BSAD.

"The ETTA has been a leading light among sports governing bodies as far as integration is concerned," Leach said. "Now these students will go back to their local clubs to organise their own training sessions and in six months they'll be assessed by ETTA officials. It means we are spreading the word that disabled people have a valid role."

Jill Hammersley-Parker feels the course was so successful that it should be repeated. "It helped people gain a lot more confidence. Some students were petrified when a group of children were brought in for coaching, but they soon got over it and would have liked the session to have lasted longer.

"We also learned a lot about coaching from them, and most importantly, that they don't want to be patronised. Disabled people tend to get shoved to one side so if we can integrate them in abled-bodied sports, then we must."

BOWLS

Chance for Bell to capture first title

By Gordon Allan

JOHN Bell, who has yet to win a national indoor title reached the final of the English triples championship with a 21-11 victory over Desborough, Maidenhead, at Melton Mowbray yesterday.

He and his Cumbria benchmen play Haverhill, Suffolk, today. Bell was in such transcendent form that whenever Ian Carruthers and Andrew Baxter left him in trouble at the head — which was not often — he effortlessly got them out of it, with every shot in the book. Brett Long and his men bowled gamely but were outplayed.

Haverhill, with Les Bentick skipping Keith Deeks and Julian Poole, overwhelmed Hatfield, skipped by Kevin Lockyear 29-14, scoring seven on the 13th end to snuff out the opposition's last faint hope.

Perdiswell, skipped by Grant Burgess who played his first game for England last month were overturned 24-10 by Haverhill in the quarter finals. Perdiswell scored six on the fourth end but did little more.

Ian Middlemast's Clarrie Dunbar team did not have the best of luck against Hatfield, for whom Lockyear played a number of important shots, either counting or saving.

RESULTS: Triples: Quarter finals (skips only) Clarrie Dunbar (I Middlemast) 11 Hatfield (K Lockyear 15); Perdiswell (G Burgess) 10, Haverhill (L Bentick) 24, Desborough (B Long) 18, Teignbridge (R Johnson) 14, Cumbria (J Bell) 22, Margate (L Holle) 4. Semi finals: Hatfield 14, Haverhill 22, Desborough 11, Cumbria 21.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): Montreal Machine 23, Birmingham Fire 10.

North American
East division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Orlando Thunder	2	1	0	105	80
Montreal Machine	2	1	0	53	48
New York-Jersey Knights	0	3	0	42	65
Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks	0	3	0	37	93

North American
West Division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
San Antonio Riders	1	2	0	47	48
Birmingham Fire	1	2	0	32	53
Sacramento Surge	1	2	0	22	30

European Division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
London Monarchs	3	0	0	81	41
Barcelona Dragons	3	0	0	79	41
Frankfurt Galaxy	2	1	0	48	44

ATHLETICS

CAPE TOWN, South Africa: Women's 2,000 metres: Z Budd, 5mins 38.07secs (new record). 5000 metres: E Meyer, 14.49.35 (new record).

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE: National League: New York Mets 2, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Cincinnati Reds 6, Houston Astros 2; Montreal Expos 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 0. American League: Detroit Tigers 6, New York Yankees 4; Chicago White Sox 9, Baltimore Orioles 1; Boston Red Sox 6, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Kansas City Royals 4, Cleveland Indians 2; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Texas Rangers 4.

CYCLING

ANDOAIN, Spain: 31st Tour of the Basque Country: First leg: (123.6 kilometres): 1, A Wijnands (Neth), 3hrs 00mins 02secs, 2, M Elliot (GB); 3, A Saitov (USSR), 4, T Poels (Neth), 5, R Van de Vin (Neth), 6, JC Gonzalez (Sp); 7, S Moreels (Bel); 8, R Verdonck (Bel), 9, A Gutierrez (Sp); 10, J Heppner (Ger). All same time. Second leg: (Vitoria, 158.9 kilometres): 1, A Kappes (Ger), 5:11:00; 2, Elliot; 3, Wijnands; 4, Gonzalez; 5, Poels; 6, L de Konig (Neth); 7, Saitov; 8, Verdonck; 9, S Baquet (Bel). All same time. Leg standings: 1, A Kappes, 5:11:00; 2, M Elliot; 3, A Wijnands; 4, Gonzalez; 5, Poels; 6, de Konig; 7, Saitov; 8, Verdonck; 9, Verschueren; 10, Baquet. All same time. Overall standings: 1, Elliot; 2, Wijnands; 3, Poels; 4, Gonzalez; 5, Saitov; 6, Verdonck; 7, S Moreels (Bel); 8, Verschueren; 9, J R Uriarte (Sp); 10, J Heppner (Ger). All same time.

FOOTBALL

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division: Postponed: Swansea v Bradford (waterlogged pitch).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Chelsea 4, Portsmouth 1. Millwall 1, Luton 1.

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Huracan 0, Estudiantes 0; Union 3, Argentinos Juniors 1; Independiente 5, Platense 1; Chaco for Ever 0, San Lorenzo 0; River Plate 1, Newell's Old Boys 1; Rosario Central 1, Boca Juniors 1, Gimnasia Esgrima 1, Deportivo Mandiyu 1; Ferro Carril Oeste 1, Racing 1; Velez Sarsfield 2, Talleres 1, Deportivo Espanol 2, Lanus 3. Leading positions (after seven matches): 1, Boca, 11pts, 2, Mandiyu, San Lorenzo, Independiente and Lanus, 10.

Late results on Tuesday

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0; Blackburn 1, Huddersfield 2; Leicester City 2, Newcastle United 2, Manchester City 1, Coventry City 1 Sheffield United 2, Sunderland 1. Second division: Preston North End 2, Burnley 2; Stoke City 6, York City 2.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor Regis 1, Bishop's Stortford 0; Carshalton 2, Woking 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Sheffield Wednesday 1, Manchester United 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Gravesend 0, Dover 1. Midland division: Barry Town 3, Hinckley Town 0; Nuneaton Borough 4, Alvechurch 0. Southern division: Salisbury 2, Buckingham Town 0.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Curzon Ashton 1, Accrington Stanley 1; Rossendale Utd 2, Whitley Bay 2; Winsford Utd 0, Emley 0. ESSEX THAMESIDE TROPHY. Second round: Dagenham 1, Walthamstow Pennant 2. EVANS HALSHAW FLOODLIT LEAGUE: West Midlands division: Sutton Coldfield Town 1, Leicester United 1.

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wokingham Town 5, Aldershot 1; Wycombe 3, Leyton Orient 3.

SHOOTING

BELFAST POLICE AA SHORT RANGE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Pistol: 1, M Greenhill (West Yorks), 275, 2, C Pearson (West Mercia), 269; 3, N Calvey (Strathclyde), 265. Teams: 1, West Yorks, 536 (Greenhill 185, Duckworth 177, Watts 174), 2, Strathclyde 528 (Tollan 178, Calvey 174, Carroll 176); 3, Metropolitan, 527 (Chalk 181, Beggs 184, Eden 162). Rifle: P Hatton (Lancashire), 295, 2, J Armstrong (Cleveland), 292; 3, G Walker (Devon and Cornwall), 291. Teams: 1, Metropolitan 771 (Yeomans 195, Goodfellow 189, Carter 193, Sinclair 191); 2, Devon and Cornwall, 770 (Walker 194, Cox 195, Collacott 187, Newton 194); 3, South Wales, 769 (Gamlin 198, Chapman 192, Tunnelly 190, Thomson 191).

HOCKEY

Pizza Express London League
Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Surbiton	15	14	1	0	72	8	43
Hampstead	15	13	2	0	46	11	41
O Kingstonians	15	13	0	2	45	14	39
Cambridge Univ	15	8	1	6	30	21	25
Oxford Univ	15	7	2	6	28	22	23
Wimbledon	15	7	2	6	24	20	23
Dulwich	15	7	2	6	19	16	23
Purley	15	6	3	6	26	19	21
Weybridge Hks	15	6	2	7	20	35	20
Spencer	15	5	3	7	16	27	18
Blackheath	15	5	2	8	21	32	17
Beckenham	15	3	4	8	18	45	13
London Univ	15	2	5	8	23	41	11
Tulse Hill	15	3	1	11	10	35	10
Maidenhead	15	0	2	13	14	48	2

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: First round: Norris division: Detroit Red Wings 5, St Louis Blues 2 (Red Wings lead best of seven series, 2-1); Chicago Black Hawks 6, Minnesota North Stars 5. (Black Hawks lead 2-1); Smythe division: Edmonton Oilers 4, Calgary Flames 3, (Oilers lead 2-1), Vancouver Canucks 2, Los Angeles Kings 1; (Canucks lead 2-1).

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Tredegar 0, Cross Keys 7. WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: Group three: France 37; Sweden 0. Group four: England 25 Italy 9 (at Llanharan).

SPEEDWAY

GOLD CUP: First division: Reading 48, King's Lynn 41, Wolverhampton 41, Berwick 48. Second division: Exeter 58, Rye House 32 (Exeter win on aggregate 98-82).

GOLF

US LPGA TOUR: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, P Sheehan $197,983; 2, B Daniel, $158,973; 3, D Mochrie, $137,723; 4, J Geddes, $136,552; 5, D Ammaccapane, $133,487; 6, M Mallon, $130,781; 7, A Alcott, $123,318; 8, D Richard, $97,586; 9, O Hee Ku (S Korea), $95,194; 10, P Bradley, $91,053.

TENNIS

BARCELONA: ATP tournament: First round: O Camporese (It) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, F Roig (Sp) bt V Solves (Sp), 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, C-U Steeb (Ger) bt E Jelen (Ger), 7-6, 6-2: G Prpic (Yug) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-3, 6-1; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; M Filippini (Uru) bt H Skoff (Austria), 7-6, 6-3, H de la Pena (Arg) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-4, 6-4, M Rosset (Switz) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-7, 6-1, 6-4, A Rahunen (Fin) bt J Cunha Silva (Por), 6-4, 6-4; O Camporese (It) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; F Roig (Sp) bt V Solves (Sp), 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, R Azar (Arg) bt J-L Aparisi (Sp), 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, C-U Steeb (Ger) bt E Jelen (Ger), 7-6, 6-2, M Jaite (Arg) bt P Haarhuis (Neth), 6-3, 6-2; J Sanchez (Sp) bt J Francisco Altur (Sp), 6-2, 7-5; S Bruguera (Sp) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-0, 6-0, G Lopez (Sp) bt D Nargiso (It), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, K Novacek (Czech) bt C Costa (Sp), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4, V Paloheimo (Fin) bt A Mancini (Arg), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; R Furlan (It) bt H Leconte (Fr), 6-1, 6-2, J Philippe Fleurian (Fr) bt F D'Avin (Arg), 4-6, 7-6, 7-5.

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament: First round: R Simpson (US) bt A Kerek (US), 6-3, 6-1, M DeSwardt (SA) bt E Brioukhovets (USSR), 6-2, 6-1, I Cueto (Ger) bt C Toleafoa (NZ), 6-3, 6-2, V Martinek (Ger) bt A Keller (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, P Langrova (Czech) bt C Benjamin (US) 5-4, (abandoned); A Kanellopoulou (Greece) bt S Stone (US), 6-1, 2-6, 6-1; P Tarabini (Arg) bt S Hack (Ger) 3-2, (abandoned); B Fulco (Arg) bt R Baranski (US), 6-1, 6-1, H Cioffi (US) bt P Fry (US), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, L Harvey-Wild (US) bt S Farina (It), 7-6, 6-3, C Rubin (US) bt S Wasserman (Bel), 3-6, 7-6, 6-3, F Bonsignori (It) bt L Lapi (It), 6-2, 6-1, R Simpson-Alter (Can) bt A Kerek (Ger), 6-3, 6-1.

TOKYO: Japan Open: Men's singles: First round: P Kuhnen (Ger) bt A Krickstein (US), 6-2, 7-5, S Matsuoka (Japan) bt K Curren (US), 7-6, 6-2, T Mayotte (US) bt G Muller (US), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, A Mansdorf (Isr) bt G Bloom (Isr), 6-2, 6-1, D Goldie (US) bt J Siemerink (Neth), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, W Masur (Aus) bt E Masso (Arg), 6-4, 6-3, D Pate (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt R Krajicek (Neth), 6-1, 6-4, J Yzaga (Peru) bt C van Rensburg (US), 7-5, 6-4, J Stimpson (US) bt K Masuda (Japan), 6-1, 6-1, T Witsken (US) bt D Furusho (Japan), 6-1, 6-3, L Herrera (Mex) bt J Eltingh (Neth), 6-2, 6-2, G Connell (Can) bt J Apell (Swe), 7-5, 3-6, 7-6, P Baur (Ger) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-4, 6-4; J Connors (US) bt J Pugh (US), 1-6, 6-4, 6-0, A Sznajder (Can) bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 6-2, 6-3, R Krishnan (India) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-1, 6-3, K Evernden (NZ) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-3, 6-3, U Riglewski (Ger) bt M Kratzmann (Aus), 6-4, 6-2, P Cash (Aus) bt T Tsuchihashi (Japan), 6-2, 7-5, S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt B Garrow (US), 6-0, 7-6. Women's singles: First round: A Frazier (US) bt P Kamstra (Neth), 6-0, 6-3, L Gildemeister (Arg) bt A Kijimuta (Japan), 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, K Kschwendt (Switz) bt K Date (Japan), 7-5, 6-4, C Lindqvist (Swe) bt M Kidowaki (Japan), 6-1, 6-3, C Cunningham (US) bt S Loosemore (GB), 6-2, 7-5, Y Basuki (Indo) bt N Miyagi (Japan), 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, L McNeil (US) bt P Vasquez (Peru), 6-1, 6-4; K Okamoto (Japan) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; E de Lone (US) bt T Takagi (Japan), 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; M Werdel (US) bt Y Kamio (Japan), 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, M Oremans (Neth) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; M Javer (US) bt M Miyauchi (Japan), 6-0, 6-4, R Hiraki (Japan) bt N Provis (Aus), 6-2, 7-6, M Endo (Japan) bt L Field (Aus), 7-5, 6-0; E Sviglerova (Cz) bt K Godridge (Aus), 6-1, 7-6; S Appelmans (Bel) bt M Yanagi (Japan), 6-3, 6-2.

IN BRIEF

Barrett in title switch

PAT Barrett will make the second defence of his European light-welterweight title against the little known Mark McCreath at the Albert Hall next Wednesday because the Frenchman, Tek Nkalankete, has been ruled out on a ratings technicality.

McCreath, Lincolnshire-born, won the ABA light-welter title in 1988, but has done all his paid boxing in Belgium.

☐ Mickey Rourke, film actor, has taken out a professional licence at the age of 34.

CYCLING: Malcolm Elliott, of Sheffield, took the overall lead after finishing second in the mountainous second stage of the Tour of the Basque Country.

ATHLETICS: Jan Zelezny, leading Czechoslovak javelin thrower, and the Hungarian, Miklos Nemeth, former Olympic champion, will coach leading British youngsters in Wigan on Friday.

SKIING: Kristina Ghedina, World Cup ski racer seriously injured in a car crash, came out of a coma and talked to doctors in hospital at Rho, Italy.

SQUASH RACKETS: Jonah Barrington returns to competitive action in London on Sunday in the Hi-Tec British Open Over-45 tournament at the Lambs Club.

FENCING: Terms have been agreed for the surrender of the remainder of the lease the Amateur Fencing Association holds on the de Beaumont Centre, London, to the Lawn Tennis Association.

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British flagship fires shot across bows of League

From STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, WARSAW

ALEX Ferguson yesterday challenged the Football League to protect clubs competing in Europe. On the eve of the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final here against Legia Warsaw, he foresaw Manchester United being trapped in a conflict of interests.

If they reach the final on May 14, they will arrive in Rotterdam having completed four games in the preceding 11 days. United have already asked for the least meaningful fixture during the ridiculously busy schedule, against Tottenham Hotspur, to be postponed. Their request was refused by the League.

"It will be an interesting problem for them if we do make it to the final," he said. He recalled that his Aberdeen side was granted a week's rest before the final of the same competition in 1982 and presumes that the League would be forced to make a similar allowance.

If no mercy is shown, though, he is prepared to devalue the championship. He has indicated that he would not select his strongest side for the visit to Arsenal, who may still require points to win the title, two days after the local derby against Manchester City on May 4.

This afternoon he will implore United to make things easier for themselves during the period of fixture congestion. Since the Rumbelows Cup final against Sheffield Wednesday is to be staged three days before the second leg against the Poles, he will order Britain's flagship to sail at full steam.

Hearing that his side may be tired, listless and emotionally drained after performing at Wembley ("where games often go into extra time nowadays"), he is looking for a positive approach. "We can't afford to give Legia a start or any leeway", he said. "This is not the type of game where you can say that a goalless draw is a good result. We have to score out here."

The adventurous policy, though it has inherent dangers, should remove any sense of complacency. Complacency cost the holders, Sampdoria, a place in the last four.

The leaders of the Italian League concede that in the quarter-final they took the Poles too lightly and were startlingly eliminated 3-2 on aggregate.

In view of Legia's state, United might be equally over-optimistic. Their opponents, the weakest of the semi-finalists, lie ninth in a first division of 16 clubs. They will be without their goalkeeper, Szczesny, and their only international, Kubicki, through suspension.

Facing their most important match since losing to Feyenoord in the 1970 European Cup semi-final, Legia at least won on Saturday with Kowalczyk scoring both goals in a 2-0 win over Motor Lublin. Kowalczyk scored twice against Sampdoria in the 2-2 draw in Italy.

Ferguson's call for a positive approach is linked to a warning. He came here last Wednesday to see for himself a team which was not expected to survive against Aberdeen in an earlier round. *He noted that their unconventional* attack features two forwards who occupy wide positions.

"That could cause us a wee problem," he said. Kowalczyk, who favours the left flank, could be the principal danger. "They will be patient and they'll probably let us attack," he predicts, "and they could be a handful if they score first. They have disciplined man-to-man markers."

The pitch, 120 yards long and 82 yards wide, is unusually spacious and Ferguson believes that the size could favour United and Webb in particular. The England midfield international has yet to regain the form he showed before fracturing a rib, but the precision of his passes could be crucial.

The loss of the suspended Robson is offset by the absence of Kubicki, the captain of a young team which is unlikely to use intimidatory tactics.

United will be led by Bruce, who is assured of finishing the season with a personal record. Converted from a forward by Gillingham when he was 18, he has so far claimed 17 goals, an unprecedented collection for a defender.

MANCHESTER UNITED (from): L Sealey; D Irwin, M Donaghy, S Bruce, G Pallister, M Phelan, C Blackmore, P Ince, N Webb, B McClair, M Hughes, L Sharpe.

LEGIA WARSAW (from): Z Robakiewicz; A Gmur, P Czachowski, M Jozwiak, J Bak, D Czykier, K Iwanicki, L Pisz, J Sobczak, W Kowalczyk, J Cyzio, A Salamon.

Struggle for Macari

By CHRIS MOORE

SAMESH KUMAR, the chairman of Birmingham City, last night vowed to do everything in his power to retain the managerial services of Lou Macari, who, according to speculation in Scotland, is being sought as the next manager of his former club, Celtic.

"Lou Macari is a big name in the game and I can understand why a big club like Celtic might be interested in him, but we will fight to keep him," Kumar said. "I hope he will be staying with us for at least the forseeable future."

Macari, who cut his managerial teeth during a successful spell at Swindon before an ill-fated move to West Ham United, has revived Birmingham's fortunes since succeeding Dave Mackay at St Andrew's in February. However, he is not under contract at Birmingham.

Billy McNeill, the former Celtic captain, has occupied the managerial chair at Parkhead for the last four years, but the feeling in Scotland is that McNeill's future is doubtful following a disappointing season.

McNeill won the Scottish League and Cup double on his return to Parkhead in Celtic's centenary season in 1988, but since then, neighbours and Glasgow rivals Rangers have reigned supreme in the premier division.

McNeill has been under increasing pressure this season after Celtic registered only eight League victories in the whole of 1990. . His position has been further undermined by the failure of two expensive signings, Martin Hayes, bought for £650,000 from Arsenal, and Mike Galloway, a £500,000 buy from Hearts, to justify such fees.

However, it was a comment by Terry Cassidy, the Celtic chief executive, that yesterday triggered speculation linking Macari with a return to the club. Referring to suggestions that Kenny Dalglish would be the popular choice of the Celtic supporters to succeed McNeill, Cassidy said: "When the team were going through a bad time, I had letters from suporters and there were as many proponents for another ex-Celtic player as there were for Kenny. Lou Macari was the name."

As a former Celtic player, Macari fits the bill on at least one significant count: the club's last four managers — McNeill, David Hay, Jock Stein and Jimmy McGrory — all played for the club.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Putting the champion in the shade: the World Boxing Organisation middleweight challenger, Gary Stretch, right, rubs shoulders with the enigmatic Chris Eubank at Park Lane yesterday. Report, page 36

Belgians to act after player dies

BRUSSELS (AP) — The Belgian football federation is planning action to counter drug abuse after the death of one player following a blood doping procedure. Three others also tested positive for illegal drugs, according to officials yesterday.

Luc De Rijck, of FC Turnhout, the second division's top scorer, died last Thursday after a club doctor tried to enrich his blood with oxygen to avoid excessive fatigue.

Marc Huysmans, the goalkeeper with the first division club, Waregem, and two players from the lower leagues face suspensions after testing positive for illegal substances. The federation will investigate their cases further this week.

"Let me be clear, the football federation has to react," the federation secretary, General Alain Courtois, said, "because this does the image of our sport no good."

The authorities are investigating the death of De Rijck, aged 25, but they have yet to file charges. The oxygen-enriching procedure, which caused his heart failure is aimed to produce the same effects as high-altitude training, during which athletes create extra red blood cells and, as a result, more oxygen.

The extra oxygen boosts endurance. But experts doubt the effectiveness of the laboratory procedure to simulate this. "It is no way comparable to high-altitude training," the federation doctor, Walter Redant, said. Any recycling of an athlete's own blood to enhance performance is considered illegal by the International Olympic Committee.

League playing for time in clash over super league

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE FOOTBALL League will pour scorn on the Football Association's plans for a super league at a meeting of its management committee in London tomorrow.

By casting doubts on the feasibility of the FA's intentions, the League will gain valuable time in which to formulate a workable strategy to preserve the League in its present 92 club, and four division, entirety.

That will require input from the clubs, and it is possible that the management committee could tomorrow invite them to have their say at an extraordinary general meeting scheduled for next Thursday, again in London.

Andy Williamson, the League's assistant secretary, yesterday countered the claim by Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, that at least 12 first division clubs supported the break-away premier division.

"Not all first division clubs are convinced that this is the best or most effective way forward," Williamson said. "Far from it." Clubs from outside the first division were "very angry" at the FA ideas. "There is a lot of water to run under the bridge before these proposals or any others come to fruition. The arguments are only just beginning.

"All we have seen is a sketchy outline of the FA plans, and it is difficult to assess the merits of their proposals. There must be more to the blueprint or it is not worth the paper it is written on. The FA has so far failed to address a whole host of issues, and the ones we have metioned, such as pools revenue and player contracts, are the tip of the iceberg."

Williamson said that tomorrow's management committee could decide to use the extraordinary general meeting, scheduled with the original intention of re-constituting the nine-man management committee, to sound out clubs, and determine exactly how many were for and against the super-league.

"Lack of information means it is impossible for us to tell exactly how many are pro and anti at this stage," he said.

However, Williamson and his colleagues are hoping that within a fortnight the majority of clubs will offer an overwhelmingly negative response to the FA's plans, and that, faced with such a backlash, Lancaster Gate's plans to "hi-jack" the first division would become untenable.

Holmes questions motives

By PETER BALL

NOT all the big clubs are totally convinced that the Football Association's proposed Premier League is the way forward. Leeds United yesterday became the first to break ranks when a club director, Maxwell Holmes — a member of the Football League management committee — queried the concept.

"We are going to have 18 or 20 or 22 clubs calling themselves the Premier division," he said. "Well, what's the difference to these 22 clubs playing each other now in the first division. It sounds like the same meat, different gravy. Of course, it has been suggested that an avalanche of money will descend on these clubs. Perhaps."

There is little doubt that money is at the heart of the matter, and that may yet raise further doubts once the initial euphoria has quietened. Football League sources estimate that, if the new league is run with 18 clubs, they would need an extra £36 million in income just to stand still.

If so, the FA's belief that the premier league will mean less football to keep the England players fresher may prove a chimera. "One wonders what these clubs will do on their free Saturdays?" Holmes said. "Fly off to Hong Kong for a friendly? Their players will be really refreshed for the Wednesday international then, won't they?"

Holmes says the breakaway is not a forgone conclusion. "I believe there can be grounds for agreement, for a rapprochement rather than war," he said.

Wickets take dramatic tumble

From JOHN WOODCOCK
IN PORT OF SPAIN

THE third Test match between West Indies and Australia came dramatically to life here yesterday when Australia lost their last four first innings wickets for one run, and West Indies their first six for 86. Things were happening so fast that almost anything became possible, even with only a day-and-a-half left for play.

The Australians had thought overnight that the pitch might suit their attack, relying, as it does, less on pace and bounce than the West Indians, and so it proved. Even with three leg-before decisions going against Hughes and McDermott — all, to say the least, perilously close — and Richardson surviving a perfectly straightforward chance to Jones at mid-off off Reid, the main West Indian batting was still accounted for in 25 overs.

To prevent the West Indians from gathering any steam, Richards had again seen to it on Monday that their batsmen received, on average, only a ball-a-minute. He managed it, even with Hooper bowling 25 overs of off-breaks off a run of no more than four or five yards.

Not that the Australians themselves did anything to move the game along. They batted more as if they felt the only possible result, other than a draw, was a West Indian victory.

Their innings came to an abrupt end yesterday morning after Mark Waugh and Healy had pottered through the first 35 minutes without difficulty.

Then, in the sixth over of the day, Waugh was dropped at slip of Patterson. Although West Indies had taken a new ball at the start, Lara, fielding as substitute for Richards, was the only slip, and there was no gully, a clear sign of the game's at times attritional nature. But in the next 13 balls, Waugh, McDermott, Hughes and Healey were all out.

When, at the start of the West Indies' innings, Haynes was bowled off his pads by an inswinging yorker from McDermott and Greenidge was caught at slip off Reid, six wickets had fallen in 40 balls for 14 runs.

It was a clammy morning, and the ball was swinging. Greenidge's dismissal, drawn forward to one slanting away from him, was no different from the way England's batsmen often fell to Reid last winter.

What had been becoming a bore 45 minutes earlier, was now a cricket match. By lunchtime, Hooper and Richardson must both have been periously close to leg-before to McDermott, but Hooper was promptly out. It was hard to see how Hooper's could have missed the stumps, as he went for the hook stroke, but the decision went the other way when Hughes beat him on to the pads in the first over of the afternoon.

That was in the fifteenth over of the innings. In the sixteenth, Richardson escaped; in the ninteenth, Logie, driving at Hughes, was caught at second slip; in the 21st, Richards drove Hughes to wide mid-off, where Waugh held a tumbling catch; and in the 25th, Richardson, also driving, was caught at first slip off Hughes.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

G R Marsh c Hooper b Ambrose	10
M A Taylor c Walsh b Marshall	61
D C Boon c Logie b Patterson	27
*A R Border run out	43
D M Jones lbw b Patterson	21
M E Waugh lbw b Marshall	64
S R Waugh c Dujon b Walsh	26
†I A Healy c Dujon b Marshall	9
C J McDermott c Richardson b Patterson	0
M G Hughes lbw b Patterson	0
B A Reid not out	0
Extras (b 6, lb 14, nb 13)	33
Total	294

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-93, 3-116, 4-174, 5-210, 6-288, 7-293, 8-294, 9-294.

BOWLING: Ambrose 28-7-51-1 (6nb); Patterson 26-2-50-4 (3nb); Marshall 18.1-3-55-3 (4nb); Walsh 30-9-45-1; Hooper 25-5-73-0.

WEST INDIES: First innings

C G Greenidge c M E Waugh b Reid	12
D L Haynes b McDermott	1
R B Richardson c Taylor b Hughes	30
C L Hooper lbw b Hughes	12
A L Logie c M E Waugh b Hughes	1
*I V A Richards c S R Waugh b Hughes	2
†P J L Dujon not out	25
M D Marshall not out	11
Extras (lb 5, nb 6)	11
Total (6 wkts)	105

C E L Ambrose, B P Patterson and C A Walsh to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-18, 3-46, 4-52, 5-56, 6-58.

Umpires: L Barker and D Archer.

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Somerset man

Ken MacLeay, all-rounder from Western Australia, has joined Somerset cricketers preparing for the new season.

Chance to shine

Gerald Battrick and David Lloyd, both former Davis Cup tennis players, will be competing again for Britain next week when they partner their sons in the inaugural Meridian family championships of Europe at Vilamoura, Portugal, from April 14 to 19.

Shoemaker ba injured in cras

BILL Shoemaker, the most successful jockey of all time, was critically ill in a Californian hospital last night after a car accident late on Monday.

Shoemaker, aged 59, suffered a broken pelvis, cuts to the head and internal injuries when his car overturned on a road in San Dimas. He underwent surgery at Glendora Community Hospital and was transferred to Inter-Community Medical Center in Covina, where his condition was last night described as "critical."

A spokeswoman for California Highway Patrol said yesterday that Shoemaker had been arrested for suspicion "of driving while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage."

Shoemaker's 1990 Ford Bronco, a four-wheel drive, left the road about 25 miles east of Los Angeles at 8.30pm local time. He was alone in the car and no other vehicle was involved.

Joe Flores, an officer with the California Highway Patrol, said: "The down a 50ft emba rolled over several landed on its whe pears to have rolle least twice."

Shoemaker, rode race at Santa Ani ruary 3, 1990. In spanning 41 yea Shoe" rode 8,833 w earned more than lion in prize-money

The racing world terday in deep sh Cauthen, a close f rode against him times before co Britain, said: "I'm dened at hearing the I am praying for recovery."

Lester Piggott sai terrible luck. I hop gets better quickly. den more winners one else and there's he must rank as o greatest. It's very sa he was doing very trainer."

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Lead playe vote Falc

From MITCHEL
GOLF CORRESPO
AUGUST

NICK Faldo wil 55th Masters start gusta National her with a vote of conf fellow players and that he can create sporting history.

Several leading golfers, includin Miller and Lee believe that Fal wonderful chance ing the first player Masters three succession.

The British publ ing Faldo to co grand slam of the championships in Wally Pyrah, of C "We will lose £2 m wins all four which the British betting would suffer a loss £10 million."

There might be h some corners of t room to accept I Miller, a former Op Open champion, be definitely the best pl world. "He is alm machine," Miller sa

Trevino said: "H some beating. He determination. He ability. He knows handle pressure. I back against him."

Faldo's 6ft 3in fra great shadow over His mere presence p other Europeans, Ballesteros, Bernha Sandy Lyle, Jo Olazábal, Ronan Ra Ian Woosnam, who to put up with less d to their preparation

Woosnam, howev intention of letting t that way. "Everybod ing about Nick Fa said. "I applaud his ments, but I want to c of his shadow. I wa the Masters."

Rafferty, who tie for 14th place Masters last year, why his targets were the halfway cut finish in the top brings an automati to return. "I feel Masters rookie. I c

Strange's less

Britain to gen of Grol

JURGEN Grobler, East German natio was confirmed ye the man charged w British rowing out waters. He will b with training and te countdown to the Barcelona Olympic

Grobler was sna Leander, the cou mier club, after Ge fication and he working with man ain's top oarsmen. ing credentia remarkable, with period in East Gern ing 40 medals at Olympic regattas. work alongside Joh Morris, the men's ordinator.